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**CHAPTER 1**

**DIAGNOSTIC APPROACH TO THE EVALUATION  
OF SPEECH INTELLIGIBILITY**

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## PREFACE

During the three years in which the Diagnostic Rhyme Test Form III was used for purposes of research and system evaluation, a mass of data bearing upon the intrinsic difficulty of individual test items was accumulated. Examination of these data revealed various indications that variation in difficulty among items of a given type is, at least in part, of systematic origin.

There were several indications that item difficulty varies with vowel context. More pronounced, however, were indications that the apprehensibility of a given feature varies with the states of other features in the same phoneme. This phenomenon is termed an ipsative dependency to distinguish it from the types of transitive dependencies usually referred to as coarticulation effects. For example, of the items designed to test for the apprehensibility of voicing, those items in which the critical phonemes are sustained (e.g., /v/ and /f/) appeared to be more difficult generally than items in which the critical phonemes are interrupted (e.g., /b/ and /p/). Among the items designed to test the apprehensibility of graveness, items which involved unvoiced critical phoneme pairs appeared under some conditions (e.g., noise-masked and low passed speech) to be more difficult than items involving voiced pairs. The reverse of this trend was observed, however, in the case of high passed speech, and there



were other instances of dependencies which appeared to be interactive with the transmission condition involved.

Such dependencies are clearly of potential diagnostic significance, but while they can be detected with Form III of the DRT, their evaluation is, in most instances, a rather cumbersome process. It was clearly desirable, therefore, to design a test, the structure of which would permit relatively rigorous statistical evaluation of both ipsative and transitive dependencies. Accordingly, modification of the DRT was undertaken to the end of providing a test in which various dependencies of both types would be amenable to routine statistical evaluation. The culmination of this effort was Diagnostic Rhyme Test Form IV (DRT IV), which is described in the following report.

## INTRODUCTION

It is a matter of common observation that speech communication -- more specifically, a listener's apprehension of a speaker's linguistic intent -- is essentially a dual process. One aspect of this process, the perceptual aspect, involves discriminations by the listener of various acoustical manifestations of the speaker's intent. The other, apperceptual, aspect involves inferences based on contextual or extra-stimulus information, i.e., on information from sources extrinsic to the immediate acoustical correlates of the speaker's intent. Thus the listener's uncertainty with regard to a speaker's intent may be reduced by such factors as his knowledge of the structure of the language involved;<sup>1,2</sup> his knowledge of the circumstances occasioning and the purposes motivating the communication;<sup>3</sup> his familiarity with dialectal and idiolectal characteristics of the speaker;<sup>4</sup> and his knowledge of the immediate past history of the speech signal.<sup>5</sup>

Both the perceptual and the apperceptual aspects of the speech apprehension process are legitimate subjects of scientific interest. For most scientific purposes, however, it is essential that they be subject to independent experimental control. Clearly, it is essential that contextual effects be controlled in listening tests conducted to evaluate the intrinsic characteristics of a

transmission channel or medium as well as in experiments concerned with certain aspects of the processes of speech production and perception. To the extent that a listener's responses in the testing situation are dependent to an unknown degree upon contextual information, his performance necessarily provides an imperfect reflection of the entity or process under evaluation. Although cognizance of this issue is at least implicit in the designs of most speech reception tests in use today, a number of problems remain. These problems become particularly acute, moreover, in those instances where some form of "diagnostic" scoring is to be attempted, i.e., where significance is to be attributed not only to the number, but also to the types of errors committed by the listener.

Among the more formidable problems complicating the design and use of speech reception tests is the problem of controlling the effects of the listener's familiarity with the test materials, used, and a variety of procedures have been devised to cope with it. In the case of the Harvard Phonetically Balanced (PB) Test, for example, the recommended procedure for controlling familiarity involves an extensive regimen of training, terminated on evidence that the effects of familiarity have reached an asymptotic state. This approach to the problem serves, among other things, to limit the circumstances in which use of the "PB" test is practical. More crucial, however, are its potential effects on the validity

of results obtained with the test.

Familiarization training serves most immediately to alter the general level of difficulty of the listener's task, and thus to obscure any relationship between the "real world" and the testing situation that might be claimed on the basis of absolute level of difficulty. Additionally, however, familiarization training may effect qualitative changes in the listener's task and thus in the implications of his performance. This possibility derives from the fact that the various discriminations required of the listener in the course of recognizing a speech sound are not of intrinsically equal difficulty. As shown by Miller and Nicely,<sup>7</sup> for example, some discriminations are accomplished with virtually perfect reliability, even under conditions of extreme signal impoverishment. Others are accomplished with significantly less than perfect reliability under the best of conditions, and may become prohibitively difficult under conditions of signal impoverishment. In view of these considerations, it would seem to be an extremely tenuous assumption that the facilitative effects of familiarization training are exerted equally on all aspects of the speech discrimination task. The alternative possibility is that familiarization training facilitates listener performance primarily in the more difficult aspects of the speech discrimination task. Effectively, therefore, it may desensitize the test primarily with respect to the acoustic speech features most crucial to the communication process and, perhaps, most vulnerable

to common forms of signal impoverishment. In any case, the inter-phonemic constraints characteristic of the "PB" and similar word recognition tests preclude any type of qualitative or "diagnostic" evaluation of listener errors. Such constraints hopelessly confound the effects of contextual factors with effects attributable to the characteristics of the entity under test.

Testing procedures in which stimulus uncertainty is limited to a single phoneme (as in the Fairbanks Rhyme Test<sup>8</sup>), and particularly where the listener's response options are explicitly specified (as in the Modified Rhyme Test<sup>9</sup> and the Phonemically Balanced Rhyme Test<sup>10</sup>), substantially reduce the effects of familiarity upon listener performance. However, restriction of the listener's response options, whether implicit or explicit, may complicate the interpretation of test results in other ways, particularly if significance is to be attributed to the type as well as to the number of errors committed by the listener. To restrict the listener's response options in an arbitrary or unsystematic manner may be to substitute one set of unknown contextual constraints for another, such that stimulus effects upon the type of error committed become confounded with contextual effects. The crucial point here is that the discriminations required of a listener in identifying a complex stimulus are determined not by the characteristics of the stimulus as regarded in isolation, but rather by the characteristics that distinguish the stimulus from

what the listener conceives to be the set of possible stimuli in a given instance. Thus, to constrain the listener's options in an unsystematic manner is possibly to deny him opportunities for providing information concerning the discriminability of certain speech features. This, in turn, may serve to desensitize a speech reception test with respect to specific deficiencies of the communication system, speaker, or listener being tested.

The hazards of restricted response sets can be minimized by means of carefully designed test items, particularly where the differences between the correct and incorrect response options are in some sense univocal. For example, in the ensemble:

bee      pea      vee      dee      me,

each permissible, erroneous response differs from the correct response, "bee," by a single "distinctive feature." Tests composed of such items could be quite effective in circumstances where the individual listener does not experience repeated exposure to the test materials.

Problems arise, however, where it is desirable to have different, but equivalent randomizations of multiple choice test materials. If, for example, "pea" were the stimulus word in the above ensemble, "unidimensional" differences between correct and incorrect options would no longer obtain. Only "bee" differs minimally and unidimensionally from the stimulus word, while other options differ by two or more "distinctive features." The struc-

ture of a test composed of such items would thus tend to vary somewhat with different randomizations of the test materials and to greatly complicate the mechanics of both gross and diagnostic scoring.

From the foregoing it is evident that the multiple choice approach, in general, has certain limitations as well as intrinsic advantages. Many of these limitations can be overcome by recourse to the special case of two-choice testing procedures. With such procedures, erroneous responses can, but for the effects of chance, be attributed unequivocally to the characteristics of the entity under test. Because of the inherent redundancy of the speech signal, however, phonemic confusion data do not ordinarily suffice for exact specification of deficiencies of the system or other entity under test. Rather, a phonemic confusion implies a deficiency in the encoding, transmission or discrimination of one or more acoustical speech features, the precise number and nature of which cannot be specified without additional information.

Given this circumstance, it is clearly desirable at least to minimize uncertainty as to the feature or features involved. The means to this end is provided by a phonemic taxonomy broadly patterned after the distinctive feature systems of Jacobson, Fant and Halle,<sup>11</sup> Miller and Nicely,<sup>12</sup> and De Lattre.<sup>13</sup> Such a taxonomy provides a basis for the construction of a two-choice test

where the correctness of the listener's response to a given item is criterial -- depending on the design and purposes of the investigation -- of the effective fidelity with which a speaker articulates, a system transmits, or the listener himself can discriminate the states of a limited set, or cluster, of inter-correlated, information-bearing, acoustical features. Data yielded by such a test can serve to sharply delimit the possible sources of deficiency or malfunction in an entity under test, and may serve in conjunction with other information to identify, precisely, source of malfunction or deficiency.

The Diagnostic Rhyme Test (DRT), in all of its versions, was designed on the basis of the foregoing considerations. Accordingly, it is a two-choice test in which each item involves two rhyming words, the initial consonants of which differ by a single phonemic attribute or feature. The listener's task is simply to judge which of the two words has been spoken, indicating, in effect, that he has or has not apprehended the speaker's intent with respect to the state of a particular phonemic attribute.

In addition to the theoretical advantages that can be realized with a two-choice approach, there are some significant practical advantages. Among them are: (1.) economy of testing time and materials, in that the use of minimally contrasting word pairs serves to exclude excessively easy and, hence, effectively non-functional items; (2.) minimal requirements with regard to lis-



tener selection and training (previous experience with the test materials can serve to facilitate listener performance only with respect to a particular randomization of the test materials);

(3.) adaptability to both manual and computer scoring schemes;

(4.) ease with which structurally equivalent randomizations can be generated.

Table 1 presents the phonemic taxonomy used as a basis for the design of the DRT, in which the six dimensions: voicing, nasality, sustention, sibilant, graveness, and compactness are represented. No provision is made to test apprehensibility of "vowel likeness," but constraints are observed in item construction to prevent covariation of this attribute with any of the above.

The articulatory and acoustical correlates of the phonemic attributes (or their equivalents in other classification systems) with which the DRT is concerned are extensively described in the recent literature.<sup>14</sup> Only the more important of these are indicated in Table 2. In accordance with the principle that consonant phonemes carry the bulk of the useful information in speech, and are also most susceptible to degradation, the scope of the DRT, like the Fairbanks Rhyme Test and its derivatives, is concerned only with the apprehensibility of consonants. Also like the FRT, the DRT treats only the case of consonant apprehension in the initial position. Although it is recognized that consonants may

TABLE 1. Consonant Taxonomy Used in the Construction of the DRT (Form IV).

	/m/	/n/	/v/	/ɹ/	/z/	/ʒ/	/b/	/d/	/g/	/w/	/r/	/l/	/j/	/ɛ/	/ə/	/s/	/ʃ/	/ʃ̂/	/p/	/t/	/k/	/h/
Voicing	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nasality	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sustention	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+
Sibilation	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Graveness	+	-	+	-	-	0	0	-	0	+	-	0	0	+	-	-	0	0	+	-	0	0
Compactness	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	0	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
Vowel-like*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\* The DRT does not test for the apprehensibility of the opposition, vowel-like - nonvowel-like. However, test words are chosen so as not to confound this attribute with the six attributes for which discriminability is tested.

TABLE 2. Major Genetic and Acoustical Correlates of Six Consonant Attributes.

Genetic Correlates		Acoustical Correlates	
Voicing	Present	Breath stream modulated by quasi-periodic vibration of vocal cords.	Harmonic structure evident; early onset of low frequency component.
	Absent	Vocal cords stationary.	Harmonic structure lacking.
Nasality	Present	Velum lowered.	Energy concentration in region of 250 Hz, "fast-reverse" formant transitions.
	Absent	Velum raised.	"Discontinuity of links."
Sustention	Present	Vocal tract not closed.	Gradual onset of energy; duration usually greater than 130 msec.
	Absent	Vocal tract completely closed.	Abrupt onset of energy; duration usually less than 130 msec.
Sibilation	Present	Rough-edged obstruction.	High intensity, high frequency noise.
	Absent	Smooth-edged obstruction.	Lower intensity, negligible noise.
Graveness (Initial position)	Present	Anterior articulation.	Relatively low loci of second and third formants.
	Absent	Medial articulation.	Relatively high loci of second and third formants.
Compactness (Initial position)	Present	Posterior articulation.	Divergence of second and third formants.
	Absent	Anterior or medial articulation.	Second and third formants convergent or parallel.

be differentially perceptible in the initial, intervocalic and terminal positions, the features involved are assumed to be equally represented in all positions.

## THE DIAGNOSTIC RHYME TEST (DRT)

### Structure of the DRT

The Diagnostic Rhyme Test (DRT) is more properly described in terms of a set of principles for item construction and selection than in terms of a specific corpus of test materials. Thus, the corpus of 96 rhyming word pairs shown in Table 3 constitutes only one realization of such principles, but takes into account the results of various experimental investigations conducted with earlier versions of the DRT. The gross structure of the test is evident in the table, where the items in each block of seven are arranged according to the attribute involved. The order is as follows:

1. Voicing
2. Nasality
3. Sustention
4. Sibilation
5. Graveness
6. Compactness
7. Filler item (to be used for research purposes, etc.)

The positive state (e.g., grave) of each attribute is represented in the left member of each pair; the negative state (e.g., acute) is represented in the right member of each pair.

The apprehensibility of each attribute is tested in each of

TABLE 3. Speech Materials Used in Form IV of the Diagnostic Rhyme Test.

99.*	VEAL-FEEL	43.	BEAN-PEEN	50.	ZOO-SUE	106.	DUNE-TUNE
107.	MEAT-BEAT	51.	NEED-DEED	2.	MOOT-BOOT	58.	NEWS-DUES
59.	VEE-BEE	3.	SHEET-CHEAT	66.	FOO-POOH	10.	SHOES-CHOOSE
67.	ZEE-THEE	11.	CHEEP-KEEP	74.	JUICE-GOOSE	18.	CHEW-COO
19.	WEED-REED	75.	PEAK-TEAK	82.	MOON-NOON	26.	POOL-TOOL
27.	YIELD-WIELD	83.	KEY-TEA	34.	COOP-POOP	90.	YOU-RUE
35.**	-----	91.**	-----	98.**	-----	42.**	-----
71.	GIN-CHIN	15.	DINT-TINT	22.	VOLE-FOAL	78.	GOAT-COAT
79.	MITT-BIT	23.	NIP-DIP	30.	MOAN-BONE	86.	NOTE-DOTE
31.	VILL-BILL	87.	THICK-TICK	38.	THOSE-DOZE	94.	THOUGH-DOUGH
95.	JILT-GILT	39.	SING-THING	46.	JOE-GO	102.	SOLE-THOLE
47.	BID-DID	103.	FIN-THIN	110.	BOWL-DOLE	54.	FORE-THOR
55.	HIT-FIT	111.	GILL-DILL	6.	GHOST-BOAST	62.	SHOW-SO
7.**	-----	63.**	-----	70.**	-----	14.**	-----
8.	ZED-SAID	64.	DENSE-TENSE	57.	VAULT-FAULT	1.	DAUNT-TAUNT
72.	MEND-BEND	16.	NECK-DECK	65.	MOSS-BOSS	9.	GNAW-DAW
80.	THEN-DEN	24.	FENCE-PENCE	17.	THONG-TONG	73.	SHAW-CHAW
32.	JEST-GUEST	88.	CHAIR-CARE	81.	JAWS-GAUZE	25.	SAW-THAW
40.	MET-NET	96.	PENT-TENT	33.	FOUGHT-THOUGHT	89.	BONG-DONG
104.	KEG-PEG	48.	YEN-WREN	97.	YAWL-WALL	41.	CAUGHT-TAUGHT
56.**	-----	112.**	-----	49.**	-----	105.**	-----
36.	VAST-FAST	92.	GAFF-CALF	85.	JOCK-CHOCK	29.	BOND-POND
44.	MAD-BAD	100.	NAB-DAB	93.	MOM-BOMB	37.	KNOCK-DOCK
52.	THAN-DAN	108.	SHAD-CHAD	101.	VON-BON	45.	VOX-BOX
4.	JAB-GAB	60.	SANK-THANK	109.	JOT-GOT	53.	CHOP-COP
12.	BANK-DANK	68.	FAD-THAD	61.	WAD-ROD	5.	POT-TOT
76.	GAT-BAT	20.	SHAG-SAG	69.	HOP-FOP	13.	GOT-DOT
84.**	-----	28.**	-----	21.**	-----	77.**	-----

\* Numbers to the left of each pair indicate the position of the item in each block of 112 items on the listeners' answer sheet.

\*\* Filler items. The manner in which these spaces are filled is at the option of the experimenter. Among other things, they may be used for testing experimental items.

eight vowel contexts. This involves two vowels from each "quadrant" of the vowel articulation diagram. Thus the four upper left blocks of Table 3 involve high, front vowels, whereas those in the four upper right blocks involve high, back vowels. The low, front vowels are represented in the four lower left blocks, while the low, back vowels are represented in the lower right blocks. No central vowels are used in the DRT.

There are two grossly equivalent items (e.g., bean-peen and veal-feel) designed to test for the apprehensibility of each attribute in each vowel context, which redundancy serves, among other things, to facilitate various tests of the reliability or consistency of listener performance over the course of a testing session. Either member of each pair may be chosen as the stimulus word in a given instance without changing the function of the item qualitatively. Choice of stimulus word affects only the polarity of the test provided by the item.

It is perhaps apparent from the table that insufficient latitude exists to permit any degree of selectivity on the basis of frequency of word occurrence in speech or printed matter. However, results such as those of Pollack, Rubinstein and Decker<sup>15</sup> suggest that frequency of use influences the perceptibility of complex stimuli primarily, if not only, as it provides a basis for the listener's expectation concerning the occurrence of the stimulus. Where other, more explicit, bases for expectation are

available -- as they are in the case of the DRT -- frequency of use may reasonably be expected to have little or no influence on listener response, particularly, perhaps, where the listener is required, in effect, simply to discriminate a specific aspect of the total stimulus event, rather than to "recognize" the stimulus.

It may also be noted by reference to Tables 2 and 3 that there are some minor exceptions to the rule of "unidimensional difference" between members of each word pair. This results from the fact that all compact items are here classified indifferently with respect to graveness (rather than positively, as in Halle's taxonomy).<sup>15</sup> Thus, while the phonemes comprising the pairs /k-p/, /g-b/, /k-t/, /g-d/, etc., differ primarily with respect to compactness, they might be considered to differ secondarily in terms of graveness in that the first member of each pair has a neutral or indeterminate status with respect to the latter attribute, while the second member of each pair has a positive or negative status. In terms of the taxonomy in Table 2, there are, in other words, no phoneme pairs whose members are distinguished purely on the basis of compactness. However, adoption of Halle's system, whatever its merits in this application, would restrict the available phoneme pairs to those involving the "back-front" opposition. Data on phonemic confusability (e.g., Miller and Nicely)<sup>17</sup> suggest that the solution proposed here tends to conform most nearly with the facts of phonemic perception. Some experimental justification



for this course of action is also provided by results to the effect that the apprehensibility of compactness, as measured by such items, is quite differently affected by various forms of signal impoverishment than is graveness.

In recognition of experimental evidence that the acoustical correlates of the state of a given attribute may not be equally apprehensible in every instance of its manifestation, nor equally vulnerable to all forms of signal impoverishment, various additional constraints were imposed in assembling the corpus shown in Table 3. Among the more important of these are:

1. In one-half the items designed to test for the apprehensibility of voicing, both critical phonemes involve friction; in the other half, friction is absent. Balance between the upper and lower and between the front and back halves of the vowel space is maintained with respect to these three taxonomic dimensions as well as to graveness and compactness.
2. Half of the nasality items in each vowel context lie in the "grave plane," i.e., involve grave phoneme pairs; half are in the acute plane. All, of course, lie at the intersection of the voiced, interrupted, unsibilated, and diffuse planes.
3. Half of the items designed to test for the apprehensibility of sustention lie in the voiced plane; half in the unvoiced. This dichotomy is not preserved within each vowel

context, due to the constraints inherent in the language, but each quadrant of the vowel space is balanced in this respect.

4. Half of the sibilant items in each vowel context lie in the voiced plane; half lie in the unvoiced. But for the pair ZEE-THEE, there is perfect symmetry of halves of the vowel space.

5. In the case of graveness, items were selected such that, for each vowel environment, one item lies in the voiced plane, one in the unvoiced; one lies in the sustained plane, one in the interrupted.

6. In addition to the constraints previously noted with respect to compactness, items were selected such that, for each quadrant of the vowel space, one item lies in the vowel-like plane and one item lies in the sibilated plane. All combinations of the states of voicing and sustention are given equal representation in each quadrant of the vowel plane.

With minor exceptions, the two halves of the vowel space, partitioned horizontally or vertically, involve identical phoneme pairs for testing the apprehensibility of any attribute.

#### Preparation of Stimulus Materials

The first steps in the preparation of test speech materials involve the determination of sequential arrangements of items and

the selection of a stimulus word from each item. Assuming that adequate precautions are made to counterbalance the effects of fatigue, "warm up," etc., there are no theoretical bases for favoring one item order over another. Nor, for that matter, is there any compelling reason for using more than one order. It has proved useful, from a practical standpoint, to order the test items so that the apprehensibility of each attribute is tested once with every seventh item, as well as to vary the vowel context such that the eight vowels are cycled every eight items. One ordering yielded by this procedure is indicated by the numbers to the left of the items in Table 3, and it is suggested that this ordering be incorporated as a standard of DRT testing procedure, except where special circumstances may dictate otherwise.

For general testing purposes, the list of test items is cycled four times ("normal administration"), one stimulus word being selected from each item or word pair on each cycle, to yield a total of 448 stimulus words (including 64 experimental words). Depending on the design of the listener's answer sheet, additional "filler items" may be used to absorb the effects of distraction or delay occasioned by page changes, etc. A typical answer sheet is shown in Figure 1. The first item in each column is a filler item, as are the eighth and every seventh item thereafter.

Selection of the stimulus word from each pair can be effectively random in each instance but for the requirement that each

PEST - TEST  
VAULT - FAULT  
DUES - NEWS  
VEE - BEE  
THANK - SANK  
ROD - WAD  
SO - SHOW  
LID - RID  
DENSE - TENSE  
BOSS - MOSS  
FOO - POOH  
ZEE - THEE  
FAD - THAD  
HOP - FOP  
ROW - LOW  
GIN - CHIN  
BEND - MEND  
CHAW - SHAW  
JUICE - GOOSE  
PEAK - TEAK  
BAT - GAT  
ROCK - LOCK  
GOAT - COAT  
MIT - BIT  
THEN - DEN  
GAUZE - JAWS  
NOON - MOON  
KEY - TEA  
RAMP - LAMP

FAN - PAN  
CHOCK - JOCK  
NOTE - DOTE  
TICK - THICK  
CARE - CHAIR  
DONG - BONG  
YOU - RUE  
REEK - LEAK  
GAFF - CALF  
BOMB - MOM  
DOUGH - THOUGH  
GILT - JILT  
PENT - TENT  
YAWL - WALL  
LOOT - ROOT  
VEAL - FEEL  
NAB - DAB  
BON - VON  
SOLE - THOLE  
THIN - FIN  
KEG - PEG  
LONG - WRONG  
TUNE - DUNE  
MEAT - BEAT  
SHAD - CHAD  
GOT - JOT  
DOLE - BOWL  
DILI. - GILL  
LEND - REND

Fig. 1. Specimen DRT Answer Sheet

stimulus word occur twice in the course of the administration and, thus, that each state of each attribute be represented an equal number of times in each vowel context. It is of some advantage to require on occasion that the two halves of a normal administration be at least "balanced," i.e., that each state of each attribute be given equal representations in each vowel context in each half of the test. These constraints serve to partition the test into two identically equivalent halves and grossly equivalent quarters and thus provide some opportunity for evaluating the consistency of the listener's performance during the course of a test.

#### Recording of Stimulus Materials

For purposes of equipment or system evaluation, the test words are normally recorded without a carrier phrase at a rate of one word per 1.3 - 1.5 seconds. Rates of this order have been found (Cohen)<sup>10</sup> to yield higher scores and smaller standard errors than faster or slower rates, and of course make somewhat more efficient use of testing time than do the rates normally used with various of the more conventional tests of consonant apprehensibility. When the purpose of the test is to evaluate the listener (particularly with very young or handicapped listeners), slower rates of stimulus presentation may be used.

An additional time interval is provided between answer sheets to give listeners ample time to turn from one sheet to the next.

A "filler" item is also recorded at the place corresponding to the top of each column on the listener's answer sheet to provide further insulation against any distraction that might be occasioned by spatial disparities between successive items on the listener's answer sheet.

No attempt is made to achieve a uniform level from one test word to the next, but an attempt is made to establish a fixed recording level which will yield an average vowel peak value of -2 VU. On completion of the editing process, averaged vowel peak values are then used as a basis for setting the level of a 1 KHz calibration tone which is recorded at the beginning of each tape.

Speakers normally require some amount of practice to achieve uniform, rhythmic delivery in synchrony with a timing light. They are instructed only to "speak in a normal, conversational manner -- avoid over-enunciation." The rhyming option of each stimulus word is shown next to the stimulus word on the speaker's script in order to minimize ambiguity in pronunciation. Subject to the results of research in progress, it may prove feasible to coach the speaker in various ways to achieve a more "normal" manner of enunciation as defined by his "diagnostic profile" under various transmission conditions.

#### Selection of Speakers

The problem of speaker selection for purposes of evaluating

equipment or listener characteristics is yet to find a generally satisfactory solution. The hazards associated with arbitrary selection of single speakers are evident from the literature. It is unlikely, however, that the use of two or three haphazardly selected speakers is sufficient to assure the generality of results, whereas practical considerations often preclude the use of substantially larger numbers of speakers. Until all of the relevant speaker variables have been identified, the problem of speaker selection can be dealt with only in a tentative and, necessarily, somewhat arbitrary manner.

In one attempt to devise a means of selecting a "typical voice," a semantic differential-type voice rating form was used to select from a pool of 32 speakers one voice which was judged most nearly neutral with respect to a set of four perceived voice traits (PVT's) as described by Voiers.<sup>10</sup>

Subsequently, it has appeared that the DRT itself is sensitive in a number of dimensions to differences among speakers and may thus provide an effective means of selecting speakers of desired characteristics.

#### Selection and Training of Listeners

A crew of eight, minimally trained listeners has been found sufficient for most purposes of equipment evaluation with the DRT, although a smaller crew may suffice, depending on the level of precision desired. Crews of eight listeners typically yield

standard errors on the order of 1% (adjusted for chance) over most of the range of possible scores. However, slightly larger values obtain toward the lower end of the intelligibility scale. Because the text exhibits a degree of listener sensitivity, however, care should be exercised in selecting listeners for tests conducted to evaluate speakers or communications equipment. Clinically normal hearing below 6,000 Hz is desirable. Standards based on performance on the DRT itself have been found useful for purposes of equipment evaluation.

#### Administration of the Test

The use of "live" test presentation procedures tends to be somewhat impractical for most purposes, and the use of pre-recorded materials, as described above, is thus to be preferred in general. For routine purposes of system evaluation, an average vowel peak level of approximately 72 dB SPL (flat plate) appears to be most satisfactory.

Listeners are instructed simply to strike out the member of each word pair that they perceive to be the stimulus word. It is stressed that there are no "right answers" other than those dictated by the listener's perceptions of the stimulus words.

#### Scoring the Diagnostic Rhyme Test

DRT response data can be scored in a diversity of ways, depending upon the interests of the investigator. Generally, however, greatest interest will attach to the six major "diagnostic"



scores, each constituting an indicant of the gross apprehensibility of the speaker's intent with respect to a given attribute. It is possible, in addition, to fractionate each of the major diagnostic scores into various components (e.g., to obtain separate scores for the apprehensibility of sustention in the voiced and unvoiced planes; voicing in the frictional - non-frictional planes; nasality in different vowel contexts, and so on).

Separate scores for the apprehensibility of each state of each attribute are likely to be of interest in that some experimental variables may affect the apprehensibility of the two states of some attributes in an asymmetrical manner. The resulting discrepancy between listener scores for the two states of an attribute is termed bias. It is measured simply as the difference between the percent (adjusted for chance) of the time listeners correctly apprehend the positive state (e.g., voiced) of an attribute and the percent of the time they correctly apprehend the negative state (e.g., unvoiced).

Finally, a total score, representing the average of the six major diagnostic scores is likely to be of interest in many applications. Research with previous versions of the DRT has shown that such scores are generally equivalent, numerically, to scores yielded by the Fairbanks Rhyme Test, but there is some indication (Voiers et al.)<sup>20</sup> that the DRT is sensitive to certain types of deficiencies not reflected in FRT scores.

In principle, at least, DRT results lend themselves to expression in terms of signal detection theory or information theory. However, a somewhat simpler approach to the scoring problem provides a solution which is probably adequate for most practical purposes and also most consistent with prevailing conventions. It involves the familiar correction for guessing, accomplished by means of the following formula:

$$S = \frac{100 (R - W)}{(T)}$$

where S is the "true" percent-correct responses, R is the observed number of correct responses, W is the observed number of incorrect responses, and T is the total number of items involved. This correction is applied to all DRT scores, including the gross or total score.

Manual scoring of the DRT through the use of templates is quite feasible where the investigator is concerned only with obtaining a gross score and perhaps the six major diagnostic scores. However, computer scoring not only facilitates this process, particularly where multiple scramblings of the test materials are involved, but also provides easy access to a wealth of other potentially useful data. Among these are separate tallies of individual listener errors in the apprehension of each state of each attribute; error counts for individual items; and total errors per subject for various subdivisions of the test. This last serves, in light of the systematic redundancy of the DRT, to

provide a powerful check on the state of alertness of individual listeners over the course of the test and for keypunching errors during the transcription of test data for computer analysis. A specimen printout for one scoring scheme is shown in Fig. 2.

### Validity of the Diagnostic Rhyme Test

It is not possible within the scope of this report to treat all aspects of the issue of the validity of the DRT, but it is appropriate at least to address the major issue regarding the validity of the DRT and the concepts on which it is based. Obviously, the value of the DRT would be greatly restricted if it proved insensitive to qualitative differences in the effects of different forms of speech signal impoverishment. It has, in fact, proven highly sensitive to such differences and yielded results consistent with known facts of acoustic phonemics. Fig. 2 thus serves to illustrate the diversity of diagnostic patterns yielded with some common forms of speech degradation. Represented in the figure are speech high passed at 4 KHz, low passed at 800 Hz, and noise masked with a S/N ratio of + 3dB. Also represented are the averaged scores for a sample of present-day digital vocoders.<sup>20</sup>

All data represents averages for two administrations of the DRT for each of six male speakers. A crew of eight male listeners was used. There are important similarities and differences among the results for the four conditions. They show, for one

	PRESENT	S.E.	ABSENT	S.E.	BIAS	S.E.	TOTAL	S.E.
VOICING	97.2	.83	96.7	1.05	.5	1.13	97.0	.76
FRICTIONAL	95.6	1.57	94.7	1.80	.9	2.42	95.1	1.18
NONFRICTIONAL	98.8	.72	98.8	.44	.0	.61	98.8	.51
NASALITY	99.2	.29	99.5	.13	-.3	.34	99.3	.14
GAVE	99.0	.44	99.1	.31	-.1	.55	99.0	.26
ACUTE	99.5	.16	99.9	.13	-.4	.17	99.7	.12
SUSTENTION	98.0	.27	98.4	.65	-.3	.60	98.2	.40
VOICED	97.9	.77	98.4	.29	-.5	.67	98.2	.47
UNVOICED	98.2	.39	98.3	1.09	-.1	1.11	98.2	.60
SIBILATION	98.9	.51	99.5	.13	-.6	.54	99.2	.25
VCICU	98.3	1.09	99.2	.20	-.9	1.13	98.4	.55
UNVOICED	99.5	.16	99.7	.16	-.3	.16	99.6	.14
GAVENLESS	94.3	1.39	97.1	.95	-2.8	2.01	95.7	.64
VOICED	98.7	.39	99.7	.16	-1.0	.48	99.2	.17
UNVOICED	94.6	2.73	94.4	1.89	-4.6	3.95	92.1	1.27
STUPPED	99.0	.52	99.2	.64	-.3	1.00	99.1	.30
UNSTOPPED	99.6	2.48	94.9	1.61	-5.3	3.50	92.3	1.14
COMPACTNESS	99.6	.17	99.5	.16	.1	.22	99.5	.13
VOICED	99.9	.13	99.5	.16	.4	.17	99.7	.12
UNVOICED	99.3	.37	99.5	.26	-.1	.42	99.4	.24
SUSTAINED	99.5	.26	99.5	.33	.0	.45	99.5	.19
INTERRUPTED	95.7	.16	99.5	.16	.3	.26	99.6	.10
H/M	99.4	.13	99.2	.29	.7	.31	99.5	.16
H/F	99.3	.24	99.7	.16	-.4	.27	99.5	.16
EXPERIMENTAL	99.5	.12	99.7	.26	.1	.22	99.6	.17

SPK(S)= MD JE CH BV SN BL  
LIST(S)=104A 111A 107A 103B 115B 116B

NUMBER OF SPEAKERS 6  
WORDS PER SPEAKERS 4608

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
X TOTAL DRT SCORE= 98.2 X  
X STANDARD ERROR= .17 X  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Fig. 2. Specimen Report of Diagnostic Rhyme Test Results.

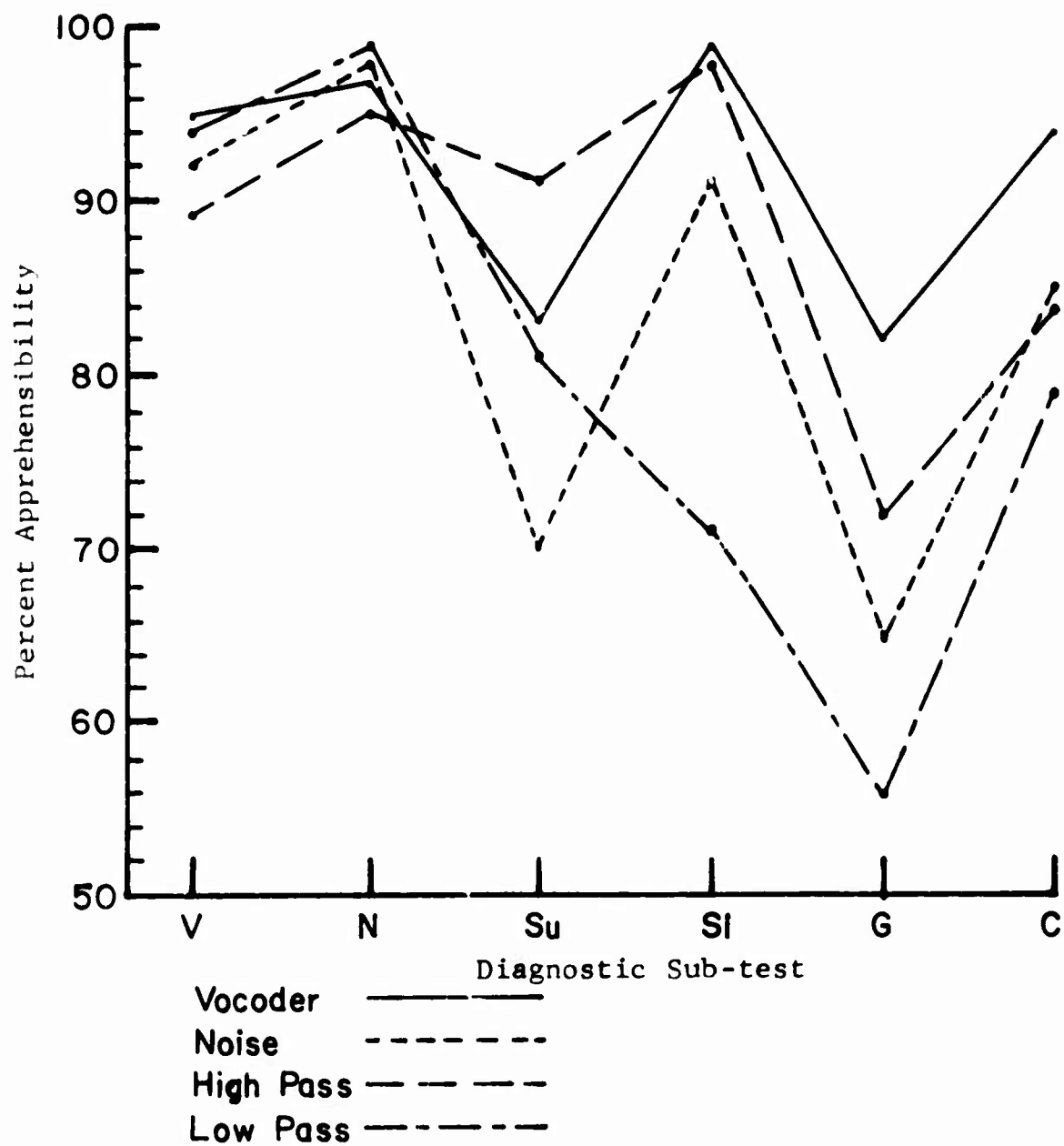


Fig. 3. Diagnostic Patterns for Four Transmission Conditions.

thing, that the sustained-interrupted and grave-acute distinctions tend rather generally to be most difficult and most susceptible to speech impoverishment. Voicing and nasality, on the other hand, retain a high level of apprehensibility under most conditions of signal impoverishment. Voicing does not, however, remain equally apprehensible under all conditions and is predictably, perhaps, relatively more apprehensible under low pass than high pass conditions.

Particular interest possibly attaches to the comparison of results for noise masked and low passed speech. As many investigators have noted, band limited Gaussian noise has the effect of high frequency attenuation due to the relatively low level of speech energy in the higher frequencies of the speech spectrum. The diagnostic patterns found here to characterize the two cases are in fact quite similar in most respects. They are readily differentiated, however, on the basis of the sibilant scale of the DRT. Predictably, low pass filtering greatly reduces the apprehensibility of sibilant. Less predictably, however, noise has relatively little impact upon the apprehensibility of this attribute, in spite of the fact that noise is itself the major acoustical correlate of the attribute. Differences between the diagnostic patterns for high passed and low passed speech are of a generally predictable character. Their similarities in terms of graveness are also predictable in that the ranges of the

second and third formants were largely excluded by both pass bands.

The foregoing results attest to one aspect of the validity of the DRT, its sensitivity to qualitative differences in the characteristics of transmission channels or media. Various other aspects of this issue will be dealt with in forthcoming reports.

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CHAPTER 2

THE NATURE OF INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES  
IN DIAGNOSTIC RHYME TEST PERFORMANCE

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## INTRODUCTION

Sampling error associated with listeners is a perennial problem for the investigator who uses the response of human listeners to evaluate the performance of speech communication and processing equipment. The precision of such evaluations, and in turn the power of statistical tests performed in conjunction with them, varies inversely with degree of inter-listener variation. Thus methods of controlling inter-listener variation, whether by statistical or experimental means, offer possibilities for enhancing the precision or reliability of intelligibility test results. However, the development of such methods presupposes some understanding of the origin and nature, as well as the degree, of inter-individual variation in speech discrimination ability.

The effects upon speech perception of individual differences associated with pathology have been extensively investigated. Generally, major emphasis has been upon the degree rather than the nature of the discriminative deficiencies associated with various pathological conditions. In one case, however, the Diagnostic Rhyme Test was used to investigate the effects of pathology upon specific speech discrimination abilities, and provided some valuable insights.<sup>1</sup> This investigation revealed quite clearly that the effects of sensori-neural hearing impairment on speech

discrimination performance are of a highly specific rather than general character. Depending upon degree and nature of hearing impairment, different aspects of speech discrimination performance are affected. Within the clinical population, at least, speech discrimination ability is not a unidimensional entity.

The nature of inter-individual differences in speech discrimination ability in the normal hearing population is yet to be extensively investigated. However, the results of an investigation by Elliott et al.<sup>9</sup> throws some light on the issue. These investigators employed factor analytic techniques in an attempt to identify the correlates of verbal recognition ability as measured by the Fairbanks Rhyme Test. They found performance on the Fairbanks test to be correlated with individual differences on both auditory and "non-auditory" tests. Among the "non-auditory" correlates of Rhyme Test performance were: vocabulary test performance, word fluency. In both cases correlations with performance on the Fairbanks Rhyme Test were positive. Auditory discrimination measures that correlated significantly with Fairbanks Rhyme Test performance were absolute thresholds for pure tones and difference thresholds for tonal duration, frequency and intensity. Unexpectedly, however, the correlations between Rhyme Test scores and absolute threshold measures were negative, which fact implies that hearing loss (at least over the range involved) is associated with superior performance on the Fairbanks Rhyme

Test. Of the seven factors revealed by the factor analysis, the Fairbanks Rhyme Test exhibited substantial loadings on five, including a factor defined primarily by measures of intellectual aptitude.

Given that speech discrimination ability as measured by the Fairbanks Rhyme Test has such a diversity of antecedents, the question arises as to whether speech discrimination involves a single ability or a number of independent abilities. Is it in fact a single, global ability, or a congeries of more elementary abilities. Because of the diversity of measures it yields, the Diagnostic Rhyme Test is eminently adapted to the purpose of resolving this issue. Accordingly, a factor analytic investigation of individual differences in Diagnostic Rhyme Test performance was undertaken.

## METHOD AND MATERIALS

### Subjects

Subjects for this investigation were 72 male college students from the University of Texas, all of whom were born and raised in the United States. Their ages range from 17 - 36. They were paid at the rate of \$2.00/hr. to participate in this and related investigations.

### Speaker

A single, male speaker (RD) recorded all of the speech materials in this investigation. He was selected on the basis of research results which revealed him to have a highly typical DRT diagnostic score pattern under a diversity of transmission conditions.

### Test Materials

Subjects were administered the following tests in random groups of eight:

1. Diagnostic Rhyme Test III (nine administrations, different randomizations, the first two of which yielded data used in this investigation).
2. Fairbanks Rhyme Test (five administrations, different randomizations, the first two of which yielded data used in this investigation).
3. Cooperative English Test - Form 1B - I (A four-choice

test of English vocabulary).

4. Cooperative English Test - Form 1A - I (A four-choice test for the effectiveness of English expression).

5. Wide Range Vocabulary Test (A five-choice test of English vocabulary).

6. Word Productiveness Test (A test of the ability to produce words with common initial consonants -- j, g, b, h).

7. Pure Tone Audiometric Tests (Two administrations, Rudmose ARJ-4A Békésy recording audiometer; audiometric data for each subject's "best ear" were used in the analysis. The "best ear" was selected on the basis of lower total loss across the five frequencies tested).

8. Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (A series of preliminary analyses failed to reveal any significant personality correlates of speech discrimination performance. Accordingly, data from this test are not treated in the present investigation).

Scores for each subject on 17 variables were obtained with the test materials described above. Data on these variables were then used for purposes of a factor analytic examination of individual differences in speech discrimination. The variables treated in the analysis were:

1. DRT - Total Diagnostic Rhyme Test (DRT) percentage score\*
2. VOIC - Score on the Voicing sub-test of the DRT\*

3. NASL - Score on the Nasality sub-test of the DRT\*
4. SUST - Score on the Sustention sub-test of the DRT\*
5. SIBI - Score on the Sibilant sub-test of the DRT\*
6. GRAV - Score on the Graveness sub-test of the DRT\*
7. CMPT - Score on the Compactness sub-test of the DRT\*
8. FRT - Fairbanks Rhyme Test percentage score\*
9. VOCB - Cooperative English Test (vocabulary) percentage  
score
10. EFCT - Cooperative English Test (effectiveness) percent-  
age score
11. WRVT - Wide Range Vocabulary Test percentage score
12. WPT - Word Productiveness Test - average number of  
words produced for four initial consonants
13. 1K - Hearing loss (dB re ISO-1964 standards) at 1000 Hz\*
14. 2K - Hearing loss at 2000 Hz\*
15. 3K - Hearing loss at 3000 Hz\*
16. 4K - Hearing loss at 4000 Hz\*
17. 6K - Hearing loss at 6000 Hz\*

\*Average score for two administrations



## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The matrix of product-moment correlations among the seventeen variables under investigation is presented in Table 4. Coefficients of reliability are shown in the cells of the major diagonal axis. Several aspects of these results merit comment, for example, the correlation between FRT and total DRT score which, though positive, is negligible. Evidently the two tests tap somewhat different aspects of speech discrimination ability, and only VOIC and SIBL exhibit significant ( $p < .01$ ) correlation with the FRT. Negligible correlations obtain for the cases of all other DRT sub-tests.

It is also noteworthy that no measure of speech discrimination ability exhibits a significant positive correlation with any measure of auditory sensitivity. In fact, the only correlations which approach statistical significance are of negative sign. However, in contrast with the results of Elliott et al., all correlations between measures of auditory sensitivity and FRT performance are in the positive direction, though of negligible magnitude.

Various other aspects of Table 4 would merit discussion, but the issues on which they bear are brought into somewhat clearer focus by means of factor analysis. Factor analysis of the correlation matrix in Table 4 yielded seven orthogonal factors which accounted for 93 percent of the systematic variations among

TABLE 4 Correlation Matrix for Seventeen Listener Variables

	DRT	VOIC	NASL	SUST	SIBL	GRAV	CMPT	FRT	VOCB	EFCT	WRVT	WPT	1K	2K	3K	4K	6K	MEANS	S.D.
DRT	.54																	98.79	.88
VOIC	.50	.41																98.22	2.07
NASL	.43	.16	.00															99.20	1.13
SUST	.59	-.03	-.03	.69														98.00	3.04
SIBL	.49	.24	.28	-.06	.48													99.00	1.71
GRAV	.50	.06	.32	.13	.10	.48												99.02	1.48
CMPT	.29	-.03	-.01	.08	.06	.10	.35											99.31	1.16
FRT	.13	.27	-.15	-.03	.26	.01	-.11	.64										99.02	.89
VOCB	.17	.24	.00	.00	.02	.12	.13	.16	.95									77.08	12.24
EFCT	.04	.16	.00	.03	-.17	.11	-.05	.07	.76	.95								75.56	13.36
WRVT	.36	.23	.05	.19	.24	.15	.16	.32	.74	.55	.95							80.79	6.28
WPT	.37	.27	.10	.18	.27	.10	.11	.01	.34	.26	.36	.87						23.47	4.59
1K	.00	-.07	.05	.00	-.07	.07	.11	.14	.10	.04	.03	-.02	.94					-2.42	4.54
2K	-.10	-.24	-.07	.00	-.07	.05	.09	.05	-.07	-.13	-.11	-.08	.75	.95				-2.89	5.75
3K	-.06	-.12	.06	-.06	.06	-.01	-.03	.06	.03	-.03	.00	-.09	.57	.62	.97			-6.74	8.31
4K	-.20	-.16	.02	-.12	-.09	-.08	-.11	.07	.00	-.04	-.06	-.05	.59	.58	.73	.91		-5.79	7.06
6K	.00	-.20	.00	.05	.17	.03	-.03	.05	-.06	-.04	-.03	.02	.31	.36	.45	.47	.96	-14.18	14.86

For 70 df:  $r = .23$ ,  $p < .05$ ;  $r = .30$ ,  $p < .01$

listeners. Rotation of axis to a varimax criterion of simple structure yielded the pattern of loadings shown in Table 5.

Factor I is defined by the various measures of verbal aptitude. No other variables have significant loadings on this factor.

Factor II is defined by measures of auditory sensitivity. No other variables have significant loadings on this factor. Although Elliott et al. observed negative correlations between measures of auditory sensitivity and Fairbanks Rhyme Test scores, no such relation is indicated here. Nor is there any indication that DRT performance depends to any degree on auditory sensitivity to pure tone stimuli, at least within the range of auditory sensitivity characteristic of this sample of listeners. As noted earlier, however, the DRT is sensitive to auditory deficiencies of pathological magnitude.<sup>3</sup>

Factor III is defined primarily by the DRT sub-test for the apprehensibility of sustention. Several other variables have appreciable loadings on this factor, but the FRT would appear to be insensitive to this dimension of inter-individual variation.

Several variables contribute to the definition of Factor IV. They include the Fairbanks Rhyme Test, the Wide Range Vocabulary Test scores, and scores for the two DRT attributes, voicing and sibilation. The loading of WRVT indicates a positive relationship between verbal ability (as measured by vocabulary) and

TABLE 5. Factorial Structure of Seventeen Listener Variables

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
DRT	.06	-.08	.49	.29	-.02	.25	.63
VOIC	.15	-.15	-.05	.40	-.17	.22	.29
NASL	-.03	.01	-.02	.00	.01	.08	.49
SUST	.04	-.08	.81	-.01	.12	.02	.06
SIBL	-.12	-.05	-.04	.47	.16	.30	.39
GRAV	.11	.03	.21	-.04	-.04	-.07	.61
CMPT	.03	.08	.27	-.06	-.17	.14	.13
FRT	.13	.10	.00	.75	.01	-.09	-.12
VOCB	.90	.05	.00	.11	-.09	.16	.07
EFCT	.92	-.05	-.03	-.11	.01	.01	.02
WRVT	.74	-.02	.24	.40	.01	.17	.10
WPT	.25	-.05	.15	.05	.02	.85	.09
1K	.07	.89	.11	.03	-.10	-.02	.03
2K	-.11	.88	.15	-.06	-.01	-.04	-.08
3K	.02	.79	-.15	.03	.32	-.06	.11
4K	.01	.77	-.20	-.03	.32	.00	-.08
6K	-.04	.37	.06	.01	.85	.03	.03

scores on the FRT, which finding is generally consistent with the results of Elliott et al. The loading of VOIC is in line with previous observations concerning the structure of the FRT, but the SIBL loading was somewhat surprising, since one possible deficiency of the FRT is the negligible demand it makes upon the listener with respect to this attribute of consonant phonemes.<sup>4</sup>

WPT defines Factor VI, and several DRT variables exhibit substantial loadings on this factor. The FRT, however, has a negligible loading. Possibly this factor relates to some aspect of perceptual motor speed or test-taking skill. The rapid pace at which listeners must work in taking the DRT (one response every 1.4 seconds) might thus account for the loadings exhibited by various DRT variables. A question arises, however, as to why the FRT, which involves the same stimulus presentation rate, does not exhibit a high loading. The answer to this question is not clear, but one possibility derives from the fact that all listeners were given extensive exposure to the DRT before taking the FRT. Possibly, therefore, they were more nearly habituated to the time pressures involved by the time they took the FRT.

Factor VII evidently represents a dimension of speech discrimination skill in that the total DRT score and three of its components -- nasality, sibilation and graveness -- have substantial loadings on this factor. The slightly negative loading

for FRT is somewhat puzzling, but can probably be attributed to chance.

From the foregoing it is evident that at least three independent factors (III, IV and VII) contribute to listener variation in speech discrimination performance. The first of these (defined by SUST) appears to be related to the ability to discriminate characteristics of the speech envelope while the second appears to involve the ability to detect the presence and character of noise. The third appears to involve the ability to discriminate the characteristics and relationship of the first three formants. Other dimensions might have emerged but for the fact that all speech materials were presented under high fidelity conditions, which circumstance may have operated to minimize inter-listener variation in potentially significant dimensions of discriminative ability.

It appears that the FRT is a relatively unitary measure, loading substantially on only a single factor. Conceivably, therefore, it fails to tap certain aspects of the speech discrimination task. The DRT, on the other hand, has fairly high loadings on all factors involving speech discrimination, and would thus appear to provide a more comprehensive measure of the adequacy of a listener's discriminative capacity.

Clearly, additional research will be required to resolve the issue completely, but the results of this investigation strongly

suggest that speech perception involves more than one dimension of inter-individual variation in discriminative capacity. This suggestion has obvious implications for the development of procedures for selecting operational communication personnel as well as listeners to be used in the research and testing situations.

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## CHAPTER 3

### SPEAKER EFFECTS ON INTELLIGIBILITY TEST RESULTS

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## SPEAKER EFFECTS ON INTELLIGIBILITY

### TEST RESULTS

#### THE PROBLEM

The possible effects of a speaker's idiosyncracies upon the results of intelligibility tests conducted to evaluate communications equipment has long been a matter of concern to investigators in the field of speech communication. But while it is clear that speaker effects exist, the nature of these effects has not been extensively investigated.

The distinction between general effects and interactive effects is particularly important in this context. To the extent that differences among speakers tend to remain constant across transmission conditions or situations, the speaker effect involves a general component. To the extent that speaker differences vary from one transmission condition to the next, the speaker effect involves an interactive component.

The obvious practical consequence of any type of speaker effect is that, normally, systems evaluated with one speaker cannot be directly compared to systems evaluated with a different speaker. However, the possibility may exist of independently evaluating general differences among speakers and in turn adjusting results obtained with individual speakers in such a way as to render them comparable.

To the extent that speaker idiosyncracies are interactive with transmission conditions (i.e., to the extent that different systems may respond to different voices in different ways) system comparisons involving different speakers are potentially invalid. Control of such effects is, moreover, difficult to accomplish by means other than those involving the use of large samples of speakers.

In addition to the effects of gross differences in speaker intelligibility, general and interactive, there exists the possibility that speakers differ systematically in terms of the apprehensibility of specific speech features. Thus speakers who yield comparable measures of gross intelligibility under a given condition may nevertheless be characterized by qualitative differences in intelligibility, i.e., the discriminability of certain speech features may vary from one speaker to the next. Such effects have obvious implications for the technology of diagnostic intelligibility testing.

A comprehensive treatment of the issues raised here is beyond the scope of the present project. However, various results obtained in the course of the project provide some insights regarding them. The results of two experiments, in particular, are relevant in this connection.

## EXPERIMENT I

### Methods and Materials

Speakers. Twelve male speakers, selected primarily on the

basis of availability, were used in this investigation.

Their ages ranged from 20 to 45.

Listening Crew. The listening crew was composed of eight males between the ages of 18 and 24. All members of the crew had extensive experience with the Diagnostic Rhyme Test.

Test Materials. The Diagnostic Rhyme Test (Form III) was used for purposes of this investigation.

Test Conditions. Diagnostic Rhyme Test materials as recorded by each of the twelve speakers were presented to the listening crew under a diversity of transmission conditions. Five of these were selected for the illustrative purposes of this investigation. They included:

1. Undegraded speech
2. Low passed (400 Hz) speech
3. High passed (3 KHz) speech
4. Noise masked (-10dB S/N)
5. Digitally vocoded (1200 bps)

The level of the speech signal, prior to processing, was approximately 72 dB SPL in the first four conditions. The vocoded speech was presented to listeners at this same level. All tests were conducted in partitioned IAC rooms. The test materials were presented diotically over TDH-39 earphones mounted in Rudmose Otocups.

## Results

The analyses of results reported here are addressed to the following issues:

1. Consistency across conditions of speaker order with respect to gross intelligibility.
2. Consistency across test conditions of diagnostic score patterns of individual speakers.

DRT total scores for the twelve speakers were ranked for each of the five test conditions. The results are presented in Table 6.

TABLE 6. Ranked DRT Scores of Twelve Speakers Under Five Transmission Conditions

Speaker	Transmission Conditions				
	Undegraded	High-Pass	Low-Pass	Noise	Vocoded
A	8	11	6	7	7
B	12	1	12	8	12
C	6	8	5	6	6
D	9	12	3	11	3
E	3	10	4	4	9
F	4	3	2	1	8
G	10	5	10	10	10
H	11	7	7	9	4
I	7	6	8	5	5
J	2	4	9	3	2
K	1	2	1	2	1
L	5	9	11	12	11

It is evident from the table that, while speaker ranks under the various conditions are by no means perfectly intercorrelated, a high degree of intercorrelation exists. Generally, speakers who rank high under one condition tend to maintain similar ranks under other conditions. The most notable exception occurs in the case of speaker B. Ranked below average on all other conditions, he achieves the top rank in the case of high passed speech. The reasons for this inversion are not evident. The fact that speaker B's voice is the highest pitched in this sample is of possible interest. There is, however, no indication otherwise that high-pitched voices are more intelligible under high pass conditions.

Table 7 presents the correlations among speaker ranks for the five test conditions involved here.

TABLE 7. Correlations ( $\rho$ ) Among Ranked DRT Total Scores of Twelve Speakers for Five Transmission Conditions.

Condition	Undegraded	High-Pass	Low-Pass	Noise	Vocoded
Undegraded	--				
High-Pass	.10	--			
Low-Pass	.48	-.16	--		
Noise	.68	.47	.53	--	
Vocoded	.37	-.02	.54	.36	--

It is evident from the table that speaker ranks are not equally predictable from any one condition to another, although the size of the sample involved here permits only the most tentative

conclusions.

Clearly, intelligibility measures obtained under conditions involving high-passed speech are of little value in predicting a speaker's relative level of intelligibility under other transmission conditions. However, the level of predictability among the various other conditions examined here is at least more than negligible in all instances and relatively high in several. In particular, a speaker's relative intelligibility under high fidelity conditions correlates quite well (.68) with his relative level under noisy conditions. More generally, however, it must be concluded that speaker characteristics are interactive with channel characteristics and thus that the results of system comparisons involving a single speaker may be of questionable validity.

In addition to the issue of gross quantitative differences among speakers, there is also the issue of qualitative differences. To what extent do speakers differ, for example, in terms of diagnostic score patterns? Are such differences general in nature or interactive with transmission conditions? To throw some light on this issue, diagnostic scores yielded by the twelve speakers discussed above were examined under the same five transmission conditions.

For this purpose diagnostic data for each transmission condition were adjusted to remove the effects of speaker differ-

ences in total DRT score. Data so adjusted were then analyzed to obtain for each speaker an average deviation score, i.e., the average of the absolute differences between his adjusted scores on DRT sub-tests and the average score of the group on corresponding sub-tests. The average so obtained thus represented for each speaker an indicant of conformity (or nonconformity) with the group under a given transmission condition.

The question then arises as to what extent speakers who yield deviant patterns under one condition tend also to yield deviant patterns under others. Table 8 presents results which bear upon this question.

TABLE 8. Ranked Deviation Scores of Twelve Speakers and Five Transmission Conditions.<sup>1</sup>

Speaker	Transmission Conditions				
	Undegraded	High-Pass	Low-Pass	Noise	Vocoded
A	11	12	6	11	9
B	1	2	4	12	1
C	3	9	11	8	12
D	7	1	3	1.5	6
E	4	4	5	3	5
F	5	3	2	4.5	10
G	10	6	7	6	7
H	8	10	9	10	4
I	9	5	10	9	11
J	12	11	12	7	8
K	2	8	1	4.5	3
L	6	7	8	1.5	2

<sup>1</sup>Higher ranks denote smaller deviation scores, i.e., a rank of "1" identifies the speaker with the most typical diagnostic pattern under a given transmission condition.



From the table it is evident that speakers who yield typical diagnostic score patterns under one test condition tend rather strongly to yield typical patterns under other conditions, but pronounced exceptions to this tendency are evident. Speaker B, for example, yields highly typical diagnostic score patterns under four conditions. In the case of noise-masked speech, however, his pattern is the most deviant of the group.

Table 9 shows the correlations among ranked deviation scores for the five transmission conditions.

TABLE 9. Correlations (r) Among Pattern Deviation Scores of Twelve Speakers for Five Transmission Conditions

Condition	Undegraded	High-Pass	Low-Pass	Noise	Vocoded
Undegraded	--				
High-Pass	.47	--			
Low-Pass	.51	.55	--		
Noise	.13	.37	.32	--	
Vocoded	.39	.21	.39	.16	--

In general, the values of the coefficients of correlation are somewhat higher than those in Table 7, suggesting that individual speakers tend more strongly to maintain their diagnostic score patterns from one condition to the next than to maintain their relative level of gross intelligibility. Correlations among speaker ranks are far from perfect, however.

It is clear, therefore, that speaker differences in overall intelligibility and in diagnostic score patterns are interactive with channel or transmission conditions, and that comparative test

results obtained with a single speaker may not be generalized with a high degree of confidence to the population of speakers at large. It should be stressed, however, that the present investigation involved comparisons among extremely diverse types of transmission conditions. Such diversity is unlikely to be encountered in practical testing situations. Rather, the systems or transmission conditions typically subjected to comparative evaluation are likely to involve relatively similar types and degrees of speech degradation. The question arises, therefore, as to the practical implications of speaker x system interaction. The scope of the present effort does not permit a comprehensive investigation of this issue, but data obtained in the course of the project throw some light on the issue. They are presented and discussed in the following investigation.

## EXPERIMENT II

### Methods and Materials

Speakers. Six male speakers, selected on the basis of availability, dialectal characteristics, or pitch frequency were used in this investigation. Two of the six speakers were judged by a listening crew to have voices of higher than average pitch, while two were judged to have voices of lower than average pitch, and two were judged to have voices of average pitch for male speakers.

Listening Crew. The listening crew was composed of eight

males between the ages of 18 and 24. All members of the crew had extensive experience with the Diagnostic Rhyme Test.

Test Materials. Recordings of DRT IV were used for purposes of this investigation. Each speaker made four recordings of the DRT IV test words. One recording by each speaker was then randomly selected and assembled into one of four six-speaker test tapes.

Test Conditions. One randomly selected six-speaker tape was played through each of thirteen modern digital speech communication systems and the output speech recorded. Output recordings were then presented to the listening crew.

### Results and Discussion

The analysis of results was addressed to the issue of the consistency of system differences across speakers. The results of this analysis are presented graphically in Fig. 4. In the figure, total DRT scores, averaged for six speakers, are plotted against the total DRT scores for individual speakers.

Two aspects of the plots are of interest. First is the slope of the regression line for each speaker; second is the dispersion of points about each regression line. With regard to the first aspect, it is clear that speakers vary somewhat in terms of absolute sensitivity to the type(s) of degradation involved. Other things equal, speakers BV, JE and SN are somewhat more

sensitive to system differences than speakers RD, CH and BL. With regard to consistency of results, however, the situation is somewhat different. Deviations from the indicated regression line tend to be smaller for BV, RD and CH than for the other speakers, which results have important practical implications. Specifically, it would appear that results for these speakers conform most nearly (but for scale factor differences) to the results for the combined speakers. Under circumstances which do not warrant or permit the use of multiple speakers, BV, RD or CH would be the speakers of choice. With appropriate adjustments for scale factors, data obtained from these speakers could be used to predict the average scores that would be obtained for the entire group of speakers. Table 10 is designed to implement this procedure. Presented in the table are equivalent group averages for individual DRT IV scores yielded by each of the six speakers.

It would appear, from the above results, that speaker x system interactive effects, while rather pronounced under extreme laboratory conditions, may be of relatively minor consequence in the practical testing situation -- particularly in the case of tests performed to compare generally similar devices or systems. It is perhaps desirable, however, to use multiple speakers whenever feasible and, moreover, to select the speaker(s) used on the basis of some such criteria as pattern deviation scores obtained under various, representative transmission conditions.

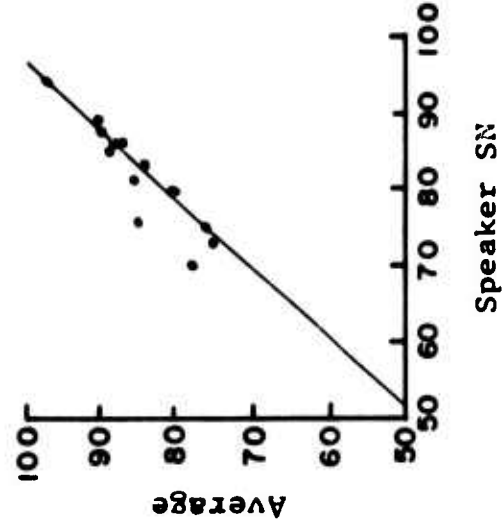
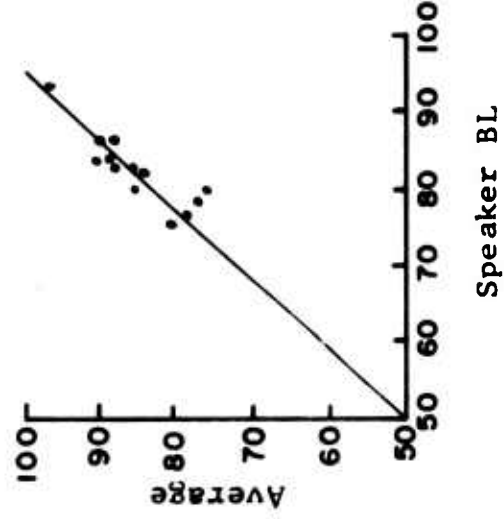
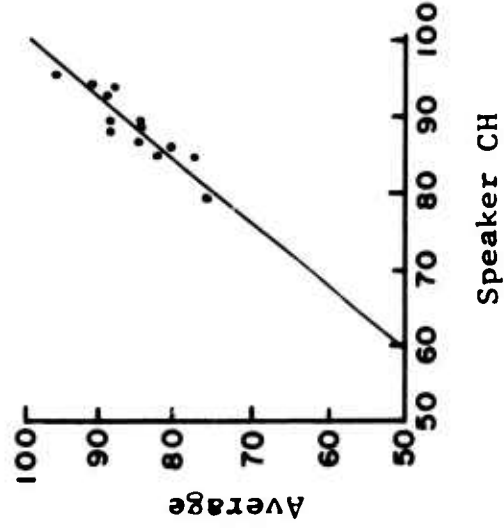
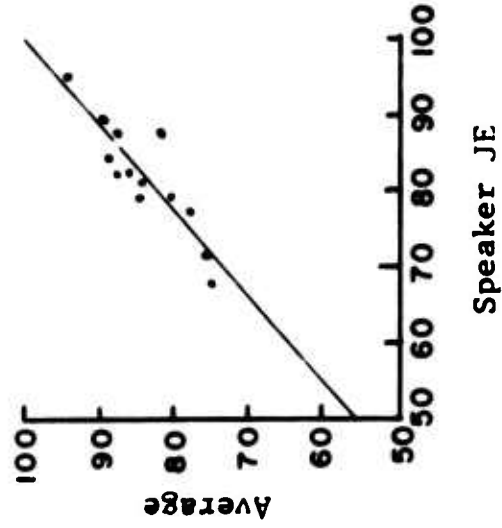
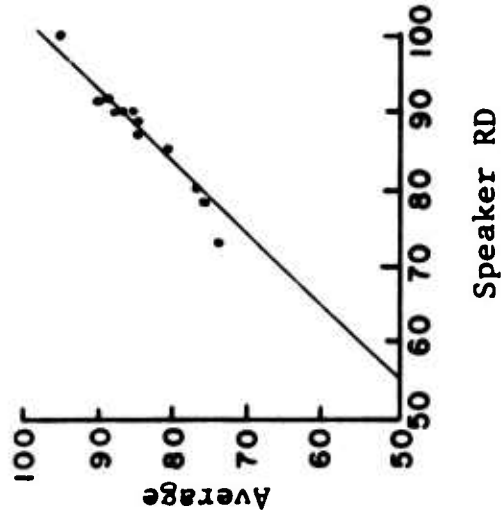
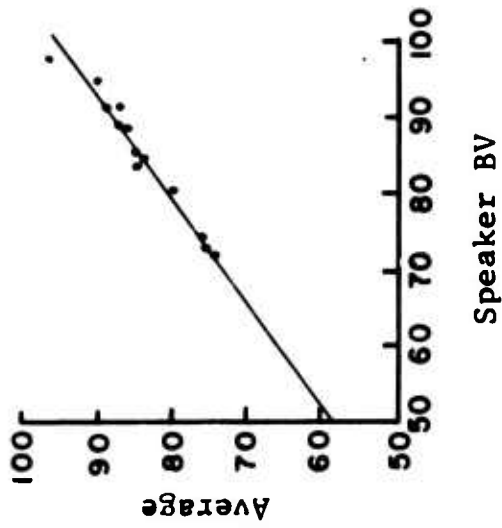


Fig. 4. Averaged DRT Total Scores of Six Speakers Plotted Against DRT Total Scores of Individual Speaker for a Sample of Present-Day Digital Vocoders.

TABLE 10. Equivalencies Between DRT IV Total Scores for Individual Speakers and DRT IV Total Scores as Averaged for Six Speakers.

BV	AVER	RD	AVER	JE	AVER
100.000	97.300	100.000	98.000	100.000	97.000
95.000	93.410	95.000	92.650	95.000	92.500
90.000	89.520	90.000	87.300	90.000	88.000
85.000	85.630	85.000	81.950	85.000	83.500
80.000	81.740	80.000	76.600	80.000	79.000
75.000	77.850	75.000	71.250	75.000	74.500
70.000	73.960	70.000	65.900	70.000	70.000
65.000	70.070	65.000	60.550	65.000	65.500
60.000	66.180	60.000	55.200	60.000	61.000
55.000	62.290	55.000	49.850	55.000	56.500
50.000	58.400	50.000	44.500	50.000	52.000
45.000	54.510	45.000	39.150	45.000	47.500
40.000	50.620	40.000	33.800	40.000	43.000
35.000	46.730	35.000	28.450	35.000	38.500
30.000	42.840	30.000	23.100	30.000	34.000
25.000	38.950	25.000	17.750	25.000	29.500
20.000	35.060	20.000	12.400	20.000	25.000
15.000	31.170	15.000	7.050	15.000	20.500
10.000	27.380	10.000	1.700	10.000	16.000
5.000	23.390	5.000	-3.650	5.000	11.500
.000	19.500	.000	-9.000	.000	7.000

CH	AVER	BL	AVER	SN	AVER
100.000	100.600	100.000	101.600	100.000	102.790
95.000	94.600	95.000	97.015	95.000	97.290
90.000	88.600	90.000	92.430	90.000	91.790
85.000	82.600	85.000	87.845	85.000	86.290
80.000	76.600	80.000	83.260	80.000	80.790
75.000	70.600	75.000	78.675	75.000	75.290
70.000	64.600	70.000	74.090	70.000	69.790
65.000	58.600	65.000	69.505	65.000	64.290
60.000	52.600	60.000	64.920	60.000	58.790
55.000	46.600	55.000	60.335	55.000	53.290
50.000	40.600	50.000	55.750	50.000	47.790
45.000	34.600	45.000	51.165	45.000	42.290
40.000	28.600	40.000	46.580	40.000	36.790
35.000	22.600	35.000	41.995	35.000	31.290
30.000	16.600	30.000	37.410	30.000	25.790
25.000	10.600	25.000	32.825	25.000	20.290
20.000	4.600	20.000	28.240	20.000	14.790
15.000	-1.400	15.000	23.655	15.000	9.290
10.000	-7.400	10.000	19.070	10.000	3.790
5.000	-13.400	5.000	14.485	5.000	-1.710
.000	-19.400	.000	9.900	.000	-7.210

CHAPTER 4

STRUCTURE OF PHONEMIC INFORMATION  
IN THE ORAL AND NASAL OUTPUTS

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## STRUCTURE OF PHONEMIC INFORMATION IN THE ORAL AND NASAL OUTPUTS\*

### Introduction

In 1968 S. R. Hyde reported a technique that physically isolated the acoustic outputs of the oral and nasal cavities.<sup>1</sup> The technique involved the separation of the two outputs by a metal acoustic shield that was fitted to the speaker's head. Then, while a speaker was fitted into the separation device, the oral and nasal outputs were simultaneously recorded during continuous speech. Hyde's results appeared in the form of the sound spectrograms of the two outputs which he compared to each other as well as to the spectrograms for normal speech.

The present study uses a technique similar to that described by Hyde, but, while his interests lie primarily in the differences among the physical waveforms, the purpose here is to determine the relative contributions of the two outputs to the process of consonant recognition. The Diagnostic Rhyme Test is employed in the present study as a means of evaluating the perceptually significant content of the acoustic outputs of the oral and nasal cavities.

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### Acoustic Shield

An acoustic shield was constructed from four sheets of acoustical fiberboard and two sheets of lead which were notched to fit around the speaker's head. During the actual speech recordings the speaker's head was situated in the center of an 8' x 8' x 1" shield consisting of two layers of fiberboard separated by a layer of lead. In addition to its acoustic insulation properties, the lead provided the structure with enough mass to damp the natural fiberboard resonance. Fit of the shield around the speaker's head was sufficient to prevent significant sound leakage, but not so tight as to alter normal speech articulation. The fiberboard sheets directly under the speaker's nostrils and directly above his mouth were beveled  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in order to minimize obstruction of the breath streams and interference with upper-labial articulation. Finally, the shield structure was suspended from the ceiling of a sound-proofed, anechoic chamber (12' x 12' x 12').

A Bruel and Kjaer free-field microphone and a loudspeaker were connected to a level recorder and a beat frequency oscillator in such a way as to measure the amount of attenuation provided by the shield across the frequency range 50 - 10,000 Hz. Figure 5 shows the attenuation characteristic of the acoustic shield that resulted from this measurement.

### Recording Procedures and Materials

Bruel and Kjaer #4131 free-field microphones, #2613 cathode

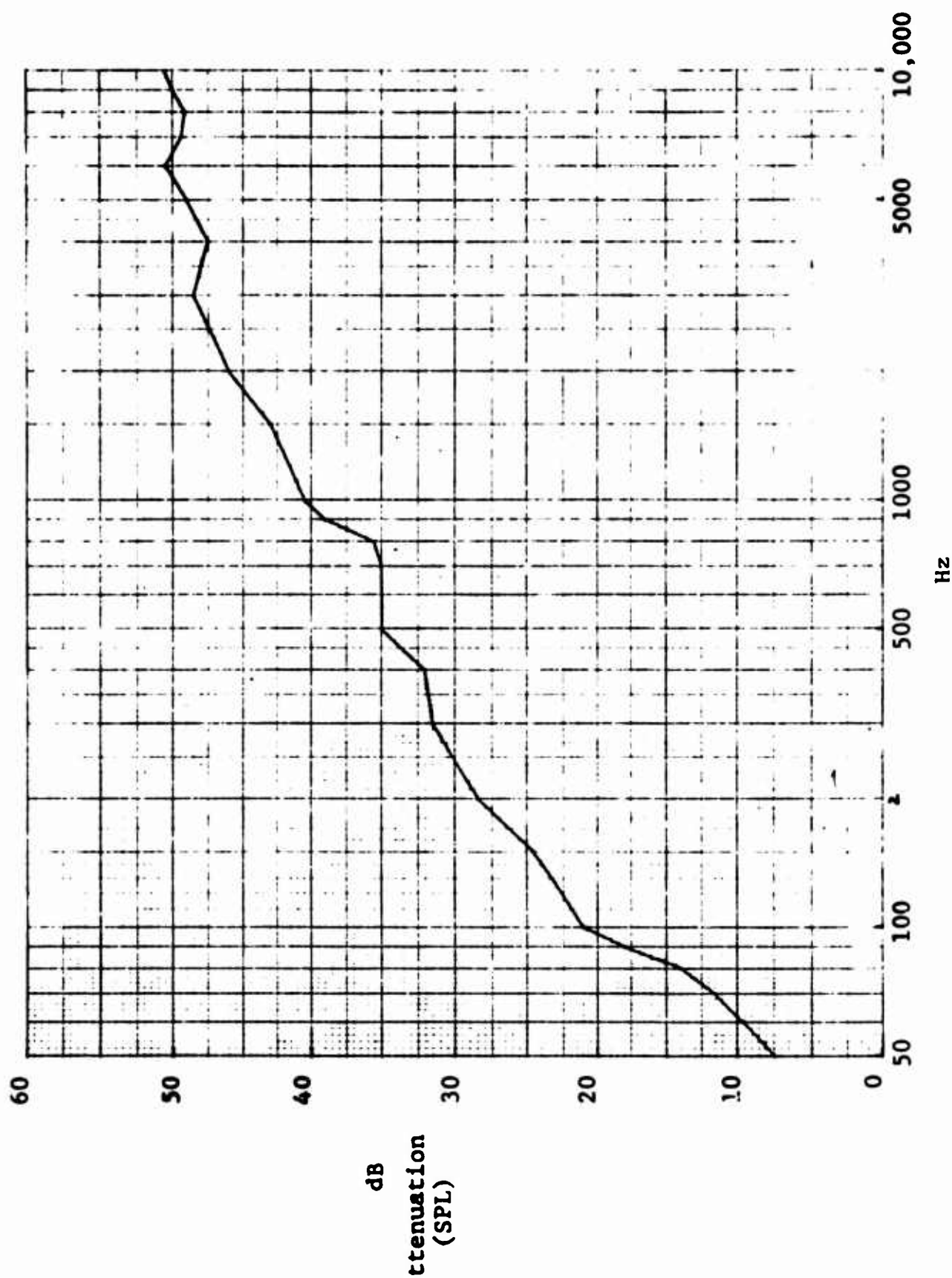


Fig. 5 Attenuation Characteristic of the Acoustic Shield

followers, and #2604 amplifiers were connected to separate channels of an Ampex 602.2 tape recorder. The frequency characteristics of the two microphones were almost identical, being essentially flat in the range 20-10 000 Hz. The separate audio subsystems (microphone, cathode follower, amplifier) were calibrated by pistonphone so that they had virtually identical frequency responses.

The microphones were suspended 10 cms. from their respective sources at 90° incidence, but were kept close to the shield (1 cm.), so that any speech reflecting off the surface of the shield would arrive at the microphones approximately in phase with non-reflected waves. Figure 6 shows a block diagram of the equipment, shield, and chamber used to record the speech material. Figures 7(a) and 7(b) show the configuration of the speaker and acoustic shield in the anechoic chamber during recording of the speech materials in the experimental conditions.

In the control condition, the speaker was situated in the center of the anechoic chamber with his head held firmly by a special restraining device and with a free-field microphone suspended 10 cms. from his mouth at 90° incidence. Speech material was recorded on a single channel of the Ampex tape recorder after passing through one of the microphone/cathode follower/amplifier sub-systems described above.

Two randomizations of the Diagnostic Rhyme Test (DRT)

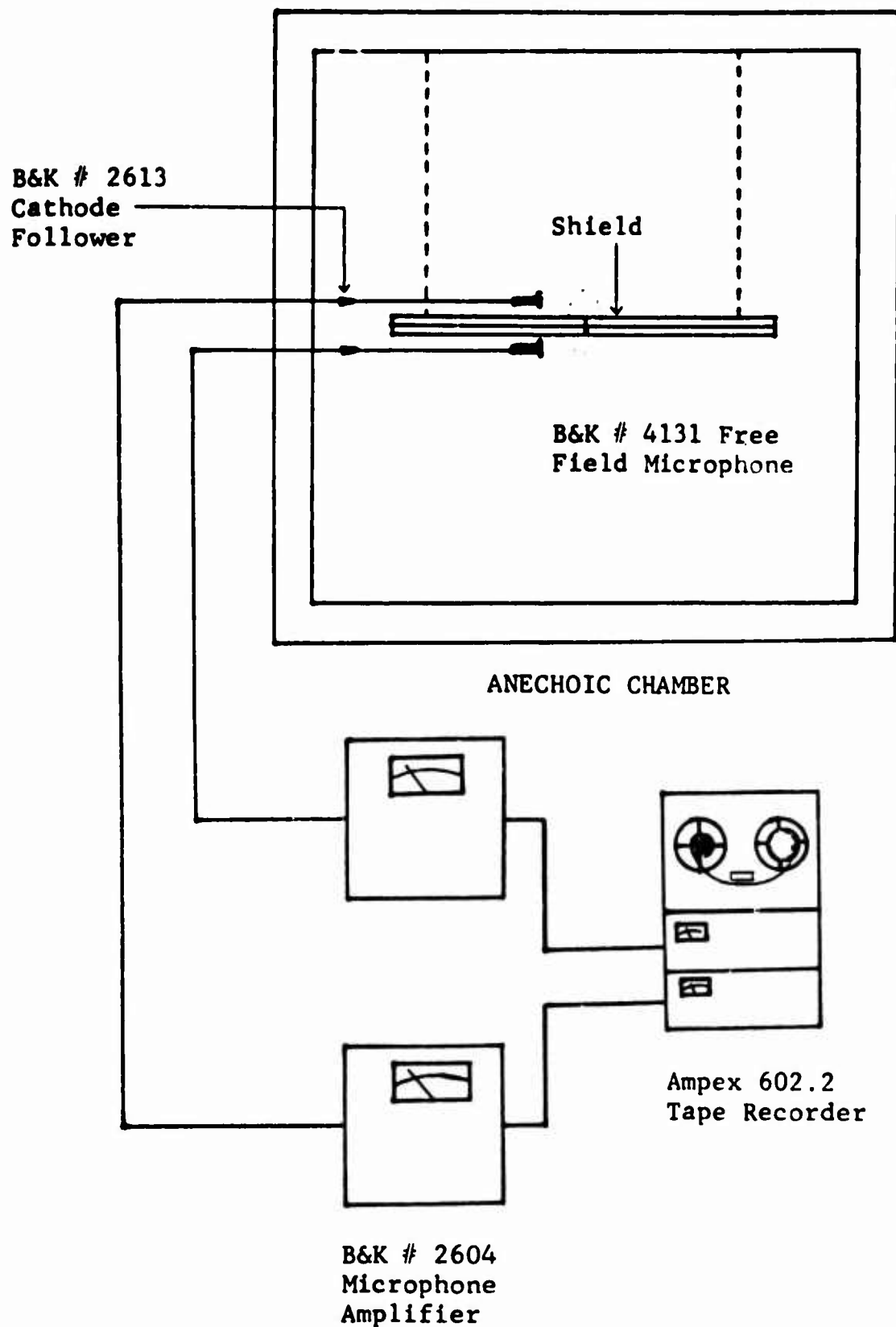


Fig. 6. Diagram of Audio Equipment, Shield, and Chamber Used in Recording of Speech Material.

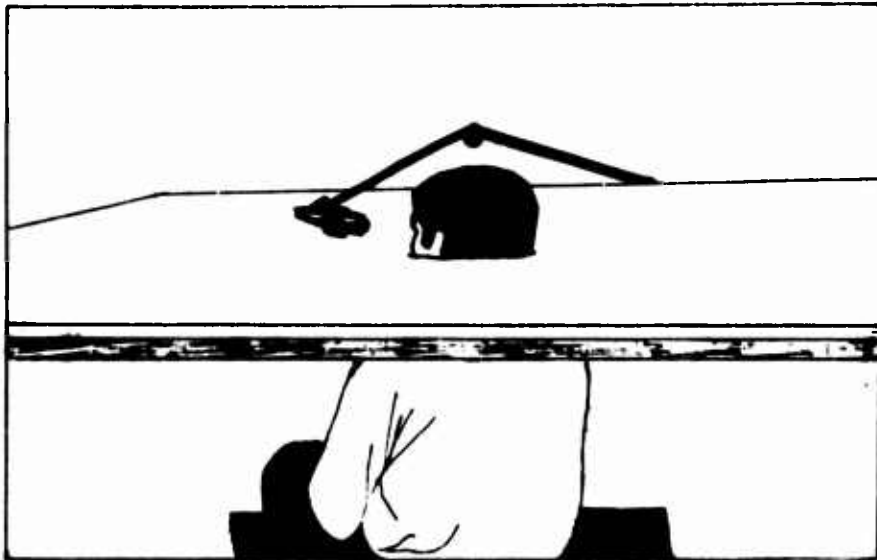


Fig. 7(a). Speaker and Acoustic Shield Situated in the Anechoic Chamber.

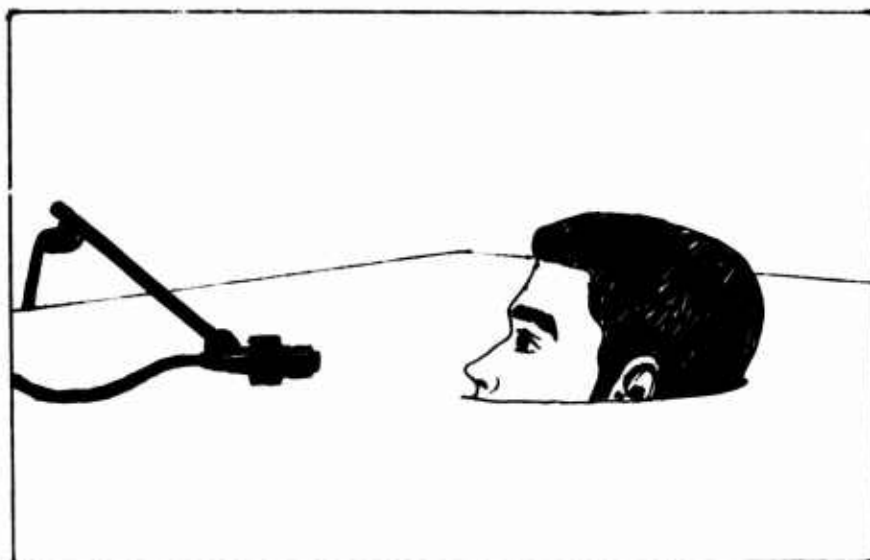


Fig. 7(b). Speaker and Placement of the Nasal Microphone.

materials were recorded under the experimental conditions (two microphones separated by the acoustic shield) and two randomizations under the control conditions (a single microphone). The tapes were edited and 1,000 Hz calibration tones were recorded at the same level as the average of the vowel peaks (VU) for each tape. Since multiple presentations of each randomization were required in the course of the experiment, each basic randomization was partitioned into quarters, which in turn were ordered in various ways to guard against the effects of learning.

### Listeners

Eight male University of Texas undergraduates, selected on the basis of consistency of performance on speech intelligibility tests, served as subjects. All had good hearing as determined by pure tone audiometry, and had more than 40 exposures to various intelligibility test materials prior to their participation in the present investigation.

### Speaker

A male graduate student at the University of Texas with previous experience as an intelligibility-test speaker provided all recorded speech materials for this investigation. His speech was of General American Dialect and showed no perceptible defects or abnormalities. His intelligibility was highly typical of a large pool of male speakers under a variety of speech transmission conditions.

### Presentation Apparatus and Design

Two (6' x 12') double-walled I.A.C. rooms were each partitioned into four listening booths. Speech recordings (DRT) were played on an Ampex 602.2 stereo tape recorder and channeled through a high quality, custom built audio mixer/amplifier, where presentation condition and speech level was determined. The amplified, and, under one condition, mixed, speech was then low-passed at 8,000 Hz by a Krohn-Hite (48 dB/octave) filter, and presented through TDH-39 earphones cased in Rudmose Otocups.

Throughout the experiment, speech level remained constant at approximately 45 dB SPL for the average of the vowel peaks. The experimental design involved four conditions, each representing a different recording mode. Two DRT's were presented under each of the three experimental conditions: nasal output (NO), oral output (OO), electronically mixed nasal and oral outputs (EM), and the single microphone control condition. The eight DRT's were presented in two one-hour testing sessions (four to each) in a counterbalanced arrangement.

### Results

Data for the DRT are presented as "percent correct discrimination" scores. For each of the attributes (voicing, nasality, sustention, sibilation, graveness, and compactness) used in the DRT, attribute present, absent, mean, and bias (present - absent) scores, as well as a "Total DRT Score," are presented for each of

the experimental conditions.

The "Total DRT Score" may be used as a gross measure of overall intelligibility in that it has been found to correlate highly with scores of other conventional intelligibility tests, i.e., the Fairbanks Rhyme Test.<sup>2</sup> The total DRT Score for the NO condition (24.9) indicates that it was considerably less intelligible than any of the other conditions. It was also found that the total scores for OO (93.8) and EM (94.9) differed non-significantly from the control (95.1) and from each other. Scores for each of six consonant attributes under the three experimental conditions and the control condition are presented in Tables 11 to 14.

The attribute scores for NO are, with a few exceptions, quite low -- many differing non-significantly from chance (Table 11). The exceptions referred to are the mean scores for the "voicing" and the "nasality" attributes. In addition to those scores, the large attribute bias score for "nasality" is notable, i.e., nasal consonants were significantly more distinguishable in NO than were their oral counterparts.

Tables 12, 13, and 14 reveal small differences in the various DRT scores, with the exception of a depressed attribute-present score for "nasality" in the OO experimental condition (Table 2). This decrement in the discriminability of nasal consonants results in a decreased attribute mean score and a relatively large



TABLE 11. Percent Correct Response for the Nasal Acoustic Output (NO).

Consonant Attribute (Present/Absent)	Attribute Present		Attribute Absent		Attribute Bias*		Attribute Mean	
	$\bar{X}$	$s_x$	$\bar{X}$	$s_x$	$\bar{X}$	$s_x$	$\bar{X}$	$s_x$
Voiced/Voiceless	29.7	10.04	40.6	7.61	-10.9	9.11	35.2	7.65
Nasal/Oral	73.8	10.14	25.4	5.39	48.4	9.38	49.6	6.63
Sustained/Interrupted	19.5	9.95	21.9	5.25	- 2.3	13.15	20.7	4.48
Sibilated/Unsibilated	- 3.5	7.27	27.7	7.02	-31.3	11.63	12.1	4.15
Grave/Acute	12.9	7.62	22.7	8.81	- 9.8	14.22	17.8	4.16
Compact/Diffuse	18.0	6.52	10.5	5.47	7.4	8.43	14.3	4.29

Total DRT Score

$$\bar{X} = 24.9$$

$$s_x = .73$$

\* Bias score = (Present score) - (Absent score).

TABLE 12. Percent Correct Response for the Oral Acoustic Output (00).

Consonant Attribute (Present/Absent)	Attribute Present		Attribute Absent		Attribute Bias		Attribute Mean	
	$\bar{X}$	$s_x^-$	$\bar{X}$	$s_x^-$	$\bar{X}$	$s_x^-$	$\bar{X}$	$s_x^-$
Voiced/Voiceless	98.0	1.17	95.7	1.95	2.3	1.53	96.9	1.42
Nasal/Oral	83.6	3.58	93.4	1.91	- 9.8	3.09	88.5	2.27
Sustained/Interrupted	92.2	2.29	80.9	3.71	11.3	5.18	86.5	1.67
Sibilated/Unsibilated	99.2	.51	97.7	.98	1.6	.84	98.4	.66
Grave/Acute	92.2	2.89	96.9	1.32	- 4.7	2.57	94.5	1.84
Compact Diffuse	98.4	.84	97.7	1.94	.8	1.94	98.0	1.13

Total DRT Score

$$\bar{X} = 93.8$$

$$s_x^- = .97$$

TABLE 13. Percent Correct Response for the Oral and Nasal Outputs, Electrically Mixed (EM)

Consonant Attribute (Present/Absent)	Attribute Present		Attribute Absent		Attribute Bias		Attribute Mean	
	$\bar{X}$	$s_x^2$	$\bar{X}$	$s_x^2$	$\bar{X}$	$s_x^2$	$\bar{X}$	$s_x^2$
Voiced/Voiceless	98.8	.57	98.0	1.01	.8	.78	98.4	.72
Nasal/Oral	96.1	1.84	96.5	1.61	- .4	2.08	96.3	1.38
Sustained/Interrupted	87.1	3.47	76.2	3.01	10.9	5.57	81.6	1.66
Sibilated/Unsibilated	99.2	.51	98.8	.82	.4	.92	99.0	.51
Grave/Acute	94.5	1.42	99.2	.51	- 4.7	1.18	96.9	.89
Compact/Diffuse	97.3	.92	96.5	.92	.8	1.14	96.9	.72

Total DRT Score

$$\bar{X} = 94.9$$

$$s_x^2 = .73$$

TABLE 14. Percent Correct Response for the Output of the Control Condition.

Consonant Attribute (Present/Absent)	Attribute Present		Attribute Absent		Attribute Bias		Attribute Mean	
	$\bar{X}$	$s_x^-$	$\bar{X}$	$s_x^-$	$\bar{X}$	$s_x^-$	$\bar{X}$	$s_x^-$
Voiced/Voiceless	97.3	.92	95.3	1.96	2.0	1.86	96.3	1.22
Nasal/Oral	96.5	1.50	98.8	.82	-2.3	1.53	97.7	.93
Sustained/Interrupted	87.9	3.47	82.8	3.29	5.1	6.49	85.4	.93
Sibilated/Unsibilated	99.6	.39	98.4	1.18	1.2	1.17	99.0	.66
Grave/Acute	94.1	2.32	95.7	2.04	-1.6	3.13	94.9	1.53
Compact/Diffuse	98.4	.84	96.1	.78	2.3	1.42	97.3	.39

Total DRT Score

 $\bar{X} = 95.1$  $s_x^- = .61$

negative attribute bias score for "nasality" in the 00 condition.

Differences between the control condition and each of the experimental conditions were evaluated by means of "t"-tests, the results of which are shown in Table 15. This table does not show "t"s for the attribute-present or attribute-absent scores, since that information can be determined from the "t"s for the mean and bias scores (as long as the direction of the bias is known).

Table 15(a) shows the results of "t"-tests between the control and the 00 experimental condition. The mean and bias differences for "nasality" are significant ( $p < .01$ ), while all other attributes show "t"s less than 1.0. It appears, then, that the oral cavity produces an output that is significantly deficient in nasality information, but nevertheless retains a substantial amount of information with respect to the state of this feature. A significant difference in bias indicates that the information loss occasioned by removal of the nasal component of the speech signal is an asymmetrical loss. Predictably, greatest loss occurs with respect to the positive (i.e., nasal) state of this feature. On the other hand, the output of the nasal cavity presents an entirely different picture.

Table 15(b) reveals the NO condition to be substantially inferior to the control from the standpoint of overall consonant discriminability. The nasal output is deficient in information with respect to all consonant attributes, as seen in the highly

TABLE 15 Results from Analyses by "t"-Tests Between Each of the Three Experimental Conditions and the Control.

	Consonant Attribute (Present/Absent)	"t" for Attribute Mean	"t" for Attribute Bias
(a)	Control-00		
	Voiced/Voiceless	.47	.26
	Nasal/Oral	4.89	3.64
	Sustained/Interrupted	.80	.98
	Sibilated/Unsibilated	.55	.24
	Grave/Acute	.27	.76
	Compact/Diffuse	.56	.71
(b)	Control-NO		
	Voiced/Voiceless	8.22	1.71
	Nasal/Oral	8.36	5.56
	Sustained/Interrupted	14.44	.70
	Sibilated/Unsibilated	21.30	2.72
	Grave/Acute	24.26	.69
	Compact/Diffuse	18.52	.66
(c)	Control-EM		
	Voiced/Voiceless	1.77	.81
	Nasal/Oral	1.82	1.17
	Sustained/Interrupted	1.99	1.20
	Sibilated/Unsibilated	.00	1.53
	Grave/Acute	1.53	1.02
	Compact/Diffuse	.61	.84

With 7 df,  $P < .01$  for "t"  $\geq 3.50$ .

With 7 df,  $P < .001$  for "t"  $\geq 5.41$ .

significant ( $p < .001$ ) "t"s for the mean diagnostic scores. Moreover, the significant bias score for "nasality" indicates that a loss, albeit an asymmetrical one, occurs even in the case of the feature, nasality. The negative (i.e., non-nasal) state of this attribute is poorly represented in the nasal signal.

Finally, Table 15(c) presents the results of "t"-tests between EM and control. These tests revealed no significant differences between EM and the control in any of the attribute scores. It will be assumed, therefore, that mixing the outputs of the oral and nasal cavities produced a signal that was not significantly different from the control, with respect to consonant discriminability.

## DISCUSSION

Since the Total DRT Score represents a measure of speech intelligibility.<sup>3</sup> These scores may be used as an indicator of the relative contribution of the oral and nasal outputs to overall speech intelligibility. The Total DRT Scores for the NO and OO conditions are 24.9% and 93.8% respectively. Predictably, the output of the oral cavity makes a much greater contribution to the speech communication process than does the nasal output.

The OO condition contained sufficient information, relative to the control, to discriminate among consonants with respect to all attributes except "nasality." Even in the case of "nasality," discrimination of the absent state was relatively unimpaired. The oral cavity output was, however, deficient in perceptual information with respect to the state of the feature, "nasality." On the other hand, the NO condition contained little of the information necessary for consonant discrimination on the basis of any of the attributes used in the DRT. In fact, only in the case of "nasality" was there sufficient information for reliable discrimination (49.6%). And even in that attribute the discrimination of orals from nasals was only 25.4% above chance, while the inverse discrimination was 73.8%.

Although there is some information contained in the nasal



output for all the consonant attributes, overall speech intelligibility is relatively unimpaired by its absence. In fact, only in the case of the attribute "nasality" and only for the discrimination of that attribute's present state does the nasal output's contribution to consonant discriminability become significant, i.e., the absence of the nasal acoustic output (the 00 experimental condition) results in a significant decrement only in the discrimination of the nasal consonants (/mnŋ/) from their oral cognates (/bdg/).

However, the fact that other attribute mean scores, in addition to that of "nasality," are significantly above chance performance in the NO condition (Table 16) is somewhat remarkable. It seems unlikely, in view of the low level at which the speech was presented to the crew of listeners, that this NO information is simply output from the oral cavity that was not completely attenuated by the acoustic shield. If such were the case, the NO scores would be the result of high frequency distortion, since the acoustic shield served, in effect, as a low-pass filter, as indicated by the graph of Fig. 5. However, the patterns of mean diagnostic scores and bias scores obtained under the NO condition are not characteristic of those which have been found in cases involving low-passed speech,<sup>4</sup> nor do the patterns parallel those that have been obtained for speech presented under low signal-to-noise ratios.<sup>5</sup> It seems, therefore, that the attribute

Table 16. Results from Analysis by "t" Test for the NO Experimental Condition (Significance of Attribute Scores with Respect to Chance Performance).

Consonant Attribute	"t" for Mean Diagnostic Score
Voicing	4.60
Nasality	7.48
Sustention	4.62
Sibilation	2.91
Graveness	4.27
Compactness	3.33

Total DRT Score

5.80

With 7 df,  $P < .05$  for "t"  $\geq 2.37$

With 7 df,  $P < .01$  for "t"  $\geq 3.50$

With 7 df,  $P < .001$  for "t"  $\geq 5.41$

scores that differ significantly from chance in the NO condition are not artifactual, but rather that they result from the actual presence of perceptual discriminatory information in the output of the nasal cavity.

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CHAPTER 5

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### Summary

Recordings of Form IV of the Diagnostic Rhyme Test by six male speakers were used to evaluate the performance of a sample of digital vocoders, all operating in the neighborhood of 2400 bps. The results are compared to those of the 1967 survey and to the case of noise masked speech. Specific strengths and weaknesses of the "typical vocoder" of 1972 are discussed.

### Introduction

The purpose of this report is to attempt to characterize the performance of present-day digital vocoders from the standpoint of speech intelligibility. Ideally, it would serve as a sequel to a similar report generated by the survey conducted in conjunction with the 1967 Speech Conference<sup>1</sup>, and thus permit an evaluation of the advances in digital vocoder technology that have occurred during the past five years. Regrettably, several factors converged to preclude such an evaluation on any reasonably controlled basis.

The situation is complicated first by the fact that only one of the systems evaluated in the previous survey was available for evaluation in the present survey. In addition, the sample of pitch excited, digital vocoders available for purposes of the present survey was even smaller than the sample used in the previous survey. Among these, moreover, one was clearly malfunctioning to a degree that warranted its exclusion from the survey. Another factor which complicates, but does not in itself preclude, comparisons was the use of a different, albeit improved, version of the Diagnostic Rhyme Test, DRT Form IV<sup>2</sup>. On the positive side are the more refined evaluations permitted by the current version of the DRT, and by the use of multiple speakers,

one of whom served as the single speaker used in the earlier survey.

Other things equal, DRT Form IV tends to yield somewhat lower scores than the DRT Form III used in the previous survey. However, results obtained with this form can be rather easily translated into their Form III equivalents. For example, half of the items used in Form IV to test the apprehensibility of the attribute sustention involve voiced consonant pairs, while half involve unvoiced pairs. These proportions are different in the case of Form III, where unvoiced consonant pairs predominate. Since sustention tends generally to be more apprehensible in unvoiced pairs, DRT III typically yields higher scores on the sustention scale than DRT IV. However, by appropriately weighting listener performance on voiced and unvoiced pairs, sustention scores on one form of the DRT can be translated into their equivalents on the other. Similar adjustments can also be made in the case of scores for voicing (where friction is the conditioning factor), graveness (where difficulty is conditional upon the state of voicing and "plosion"), and so on.

### Methods and Materials

For purposes of this investigation, six male speakers recorded four complete sets (192 test words each) of the DRT IV materials. These were randomly combined into four master tapes, each of which contained a recording from all six speakers. These were randomly assigned to the various entries in the survey (which included systems other than digital vocoders), but with the restriction that all representatives of a definable class of systems (such as pitch excited digital vocoders) received copies of the same master tape. The output recordings from all entries were presented in random order to a crew of

eight highly selected (for stability of performance) and experienced listeners. This order was reversed and all materials were presented a second time to the same crew.

All test materials were presented diotically at an SPL of approximately 72 dB. Proprietary considerations preclude disclosure of the exact number and identities of the systems involved.

### Results

It may be of interest, first, to compare the performance of the present sample of vocoders with that of the vocoders evaluated in the previous survey. For this purpose, only data for the single speaker common to the two surveys are used. The averages of the major diagnostic scores yielded by the present sample were translated into their DRT III equivalents. They are presented in Table 17.

Table 17. Equivalent DRT III Scores for Three Conditions

Condition	Diagnostic Scale						
	Vo	Na	Su	Si	Gr	Co	Av
Typical Dig. Vocoder 1967 (DRT III)	97	98	82	97	89	93	93
Typical Dig. Vocoder 1972 (DRT III equiv.)	95	97	83	99	82	94	92

From the table, we can only conclude that the "typical" digital vocoder of 1972 differs negligibly from that of 1967 when evaluated on the basis of essentially the same criteria. The average DRT total score of the present-day sample falls one point below that of the 1967 vocoder. This result, however, merits only the most qualified acceptance, in view of degree of intervocoder variation that characterized both samples. In both 1967 and 1972, total scores spanned a range of over three points. The addition or exclusion of a single case from either sample could easily tilt the balance in favor of one or the other. Finally, some allowance must of course be made for inadequacies in the procedure used for converting

DRT IV results to their DRT III equivalents. Although different listener crews were used, this factor would appear to be of negligible consequence. When the present crew was used to evaluate sample tapes from the 1967 survey, differences in total DRT scores were typically of the order of .1 percent.

Table 18 presents the average of the unadjusted diagnostic scores yielded by the present sample of vocoders. For purposes of comparison, corresponding scores for the case of noise masked speech (6 dB S/N ratio, 8 KHz passband) are also presented. The standard errors shown in this table are derived from mean scores for speakers rather than listeners, since the former constitute the more important source of variation in test results.

Table 18. Gross DRT IV Diagnostic Scores for the Typical Vocoder and for Noise Masked Speech

Score	Condition			
	Vocoded Speech		Noise Masked	
	$\bar{x}^*$	s.e.**	$\bar{x}^*$	s.e.**
Voicing	86	3.2	94	1.0
Nasality	96	1.5	98	0.6
Sustention	73	2.5	76	2.9
Sibilant	96	1.4	95	1.2
Graveness	77	1.9	74	2.4
Compactness	93	0.8	90	0.9
Average	89	1.2	88	0.7

\*Averages for six speakers

\*\*Based on speaker averages

From the table, it appears that the effects of vocoding upon speech apprehensibility are grossly quite similar to those of noise, where the two conditions yield approximately the same overall level of speech apprehensibility. In any case, such differences as appear here cannot be safely generalized to the population of male speakers at large.

Table 19 provides a more detailed analysis of the "typical vocoder" of 1972.

Shown in the table are averages of the six major diagnostic scores for the vocoders in the present sample. Various components of each of these scores are also shown. For example, the voicing



Table 19. Complete Diagnostic Scores for the Typical Digital Vocoder

Attribute	Pos. State	Neg. State	Bias	S.E. <sub>B</sub>	Average	S.E. <sub>A</sub>
Voicing	83.5	88.8	-5.3	4.93	86.1	3.18
Frictional	72.3	80.0	-7.7	9.60	76.1	6.24
Nonfrictional	94.7	97.6	-2.9	1.94	96.2	1.04
Nasality	94.3	96.9	-2.6	1.64	95.6	1.51
Grave	91.6	95.3	-3.7	2.10	93.5	2.94
Acute	97.1	98.5	-1.4	1.66	97.8	.56
Sustention	73.7	71.6	2.1	2.59	72.7	2.49
Voiced	68.6	61.0	7.6	6.18	64.8	4.01
Unvoiced	78.9	82.2	-3.3	7.66	80.6	3.03
Sibilant	94.5	97.6	-3.1	2.00	96.1	1.38
Voiced	90.8	97.1	-6.4	3.56	93.9	2.08
Unvoiced	98.3	98.1	.2	.68	98.2	.73
Graveness	73.5	79.7	-6.2	6.11	76.6	1.91
Voiced	81.5	88.3	-6.8	5.28	84.9	2.62
Unvoiced	65.6	71.1	-5.5	8.76	68.3	1.58
Plosive	82.7	88.6	-5.9	7.78	85.6	2.30
Nonplosive	64.4	70.8	-6.4	5.80	67.6	3.92
Compactness	95.2	91.5	3.6	1.72	93.4	.76
Voiced	97.6	96.1	1.5	.60	96.8	.50
Unvoiced	92.8	87.0	5.8	3.58	89.9	1.45
Sustained	97.7	92.8	4.8	2.58	95.2	1.29
Interrupted	92.7	90.2	2.5	1.64	91.5	.66
B/M	95.5	94.7	.8	1.16	95.1	.66
B/F	94.9	88.4	6.4	4.00	91.6	1.39

score is broken down into two components representing the apprehensibility, respectively, of the positive and negative states of this attribute. It is broken down additionally into two components representing the gross apprehensibility of voicing in frictional (including affricates) and nonfrictional consonants respectively. Further scores are provided for each state of voicing in each of these two cases. Values in the "bias column" indicate the degree to which listeners favored the positive states of the various attributes. The standard errors for bias and total scores are in all cases based on speaker means and thus provide indications of the susceptibility of the various scores to differences in speaker characteristics.

Although few of the trends suggested by these results are statistically significant, several are worthy of remark,

particularly as they coincide or fail to coincide with trends observed under other circumstances. There is, for example, a rather strong indication that voicing is less apprehensible in frictional consonants than in nonfrictional consonants. This trend, which also characterizes unprocessed speech in moderate levels of noise, was evident for all six speakers in the present case. The inflated standard error for the frictional case derives in fact from the extreme degree to which this trend was associated with one of the speakers. The negative bias, which appears here, is not significant, nor is it in the case of noisy, unprocessed speech.

The negative average bias shown in the case of nasality is not significant nor is it consistent with results for other transmission conditions.



On the average, listeners in this investigation were consistently able to apprehend the state of sustention more reliably for unvoiced phonemes than voiced. This trend was observed only for five of the six speakers in this case, but is generally observed in the case of noisy speech.

Sibilant appears to be somewhat less apprehensible in the voiced than in the unvoiced case for the present sample of vocoders. This trend is evident for all six speakers and is also found in the case of noisy speech. Results for five of the six speakers reveal a slight negative bias in the case of sibilant. This bias is generally pronounced in the case of noisy speech.

Although the results in Table 19 suggest a rather consistent negative bias in the case of graveness, this tendency was not associated with all six speakers. No such bias is evident in the case of moderately noisy speech although a pronounced positive bias is found in cases involving higher noise levels. The apprehensibility of graveness clearly varies from voiced to unvoiced phonemes and from plosive to nonplosive. These tendencies are evident under virtually all transmission conditions, and derive in part from the fact that the unvoiced, nonplosive pair, /f-θ/, is involved in four of the most difficult items of the DRT IV.

No significant biases are evident in the case of compactness, but the source state of this attribute proves consistently to be more apprehensible in voiced than in unvoiced phonemes. In vocoded speech, compactness appears to be equally apprehensible in sustained and in interrupted phonemes. However, it is consistently more apprehensible in sustained phonemes in the case of noisy speech.

The back-middle distinction appears slightly less difficult, on the average, than the back-front opposition, in the case of vocoded speech. This trend is not evident with all speakers nor is it found in the case of noise masked speech.

It has often been observed that intelligibility test scores depend significantly on the characteristics of the speaker involved and some degree of speaker dependence was evident in the present case. Table 20 presents average diagnostic scores for each of six speakers used in this investigation. In the table,

the speakers are ordered with respect to average pitch frequency. Some correlation between pitch frequency and various DRT scores is evident and, although the present sample is insufficient for purposes of generalization, we have consistently observed this trend with larger samples of speakers. Other things equal, low-pitched speakers yield higher DRT scores than high-pitched speakers on pitch excited vocoder systems. Although this tendency is evident to some degree in several diagnostic dimensions, it is most pronounced in the case of voicing. Here, moreover, there are pronounced speaker differences in characteristic bias. Low-pitched speakers tend to induce a positive bias in the case of voicing while high-pitched speakers are consistently associated with negative biases. Although there were minor differences in the ordering of speaker averages from one system to the next, in no case did a score for a high-pitched speaker exceed that of a low-pitched speaker.

Table 20. Diagnostic Scores for Six Speakers (Average for all Vocoders)

Speaker	Diagnostic Score						
	Vo	Na	Su	Si	Gr	Co	Av
CH(LP)	93	98	76	98	81	93	90
BV(LP)	93	97	72	95	81	96	90
RD(IP)	92	97	80	98	75	94	90
BL(IP)	74	95	69	99	78	94	85
JE(HP)	82	88	63	97	78	93	83
SN(HP)	83	98	76	90	68	90	84

The range of speaker averages for individual systems varied between six and nine percentage points and it is conceivable that some such indicant of system versatility could prove to be of value as a supplementary criterion of system performance. Further research on this issue is needed, however.

### Conclusions

In conclusion, the typical digital vocoder of 1972 appears grossly to affect speech apprehension in much the same way as band-limited Gaussian noise. As in 1967, voicing, sustention and graveness constitute the phonemic dimensions in which the greatest opportunities for improvement exist. It is evident that the present-day vocoder does not do all things equally well when operating in the voiced and unvoiced modes. In general, it would seem to preserve information as to type of articulation most effectively in the unvoiced state; place of articulation most effectively in the voiced state. It is also evident that present-day vocoders do not perform equally well for all speakers. Low-pitched speakers tend to yield higher scores than high-pitched speakers and other speaker factors will undoubtedly emerge from the results of further research on this issue.

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## CHAPTER 6

### SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

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Summarized here are the major accomplishments of the Psychometrics Department, Environment and Physical Sciences Division of TRACOR, Inc., under Contract No. F 19628-70-C-0182.

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### Meetings Attended

80th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America,  
Houston, Texas, November, 1970 -- W. D. Voiers, A. D.  
Sharpley, C. J. Hehmsoth.

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Washington, D. C., April, 1971 -- W. D. Voiers and A. D.  
Sharpley.

1972 Conference on Speech Communication and Processing,  
Cambridge, Mass., April, 1972 -- W. D. Voiers.

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Department.

### Research Activities

Approximately half of the effort devoted to this project was directed to the end of developing and validating improved methods of evaluating speech communication systems from the standpoint of intelligibility. This effort culminated with



the development and validation of the Diagnostic Rhyme Test Form IV (DRT-IV). It also occasioned research on a diversity of subjects in the area of speech perception, and several of the projects undertaken yielded results of general practical and theoretical interest.

In addition to the design and validation of DRT IV itself were studies of individual differences in speech perception, studies of speaker differences, a study of the information content of the nasal output, and a comparative evaluation of present-day speech communication and processing devices, as reported in Chapters 1-5.

### Testing Services

Pursuant to the provisions of the contract, a series of Diagnostic Rhyme Tests were performed on tapes of experimentally processed speech materials supplied by the contract monitor. These included among others output tapes from the various speech communication and processing systems submitted for evaluation in conjunction with the 1972 Conference on Speech Communication and Processing held at Newton, Mass., under the joint sponsorship of the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.

### Software Development

Analysis data yielded by the investigative phases of the

program necessitated the development of a series of successively referred computer scoring programs for use with the Diagnostic Rhyme Test. Such programs make feasible a variety of scoring refinements in the routine use of the DRT for purposes of system evaluation. Programs developed for use in this project were also modified to permit their use with computer systems other than those available at TRACOR. Appendix II contains the basic DRT IV scoring program and a sample printout.

### Tape Recordings

The investigations performed under the contract necessitated the assembly of an extensive library of recorded speech materials. This library included recordings of DRT III-A materials and samples of continuous speech for 80 male speakers. These served, among other things, the purposes of research which led to the development of Form IV of the DRT. Recordings of DRT IV materials were also made by a number of speakers. These were used for purposes of research and testing during the later stages of the project. They also provided the basic test materials used in the survey of speech processing and communication systems conducted in conjunction with the 1972 Conference on Speech Communication and Processing. All master recordings were delivered to the contract monitor.

## APPENDIX I

FORTRAN MAIN ROUTINE AND SUBROUTINE LISTINGS  
FOR DRT IV COMPUTER SCORING PROGRAM



FORTRAN Main Routine and Subroutine Listings  
for DRT IV Computer Scoring Program

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MAIN ROUTINE



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10      INTEGER CODE
20      COMMON/ALL/CODE(150),SEL(20),NQ,NL,NA,NV,JTTEST,NDL,NASCOR,JPUNCH
30      I,NR,JAVE,IBIG,JSPK,IOP(10),ISAVE(200),NATE(20)
40      COMMON /HF/ LABLE(13),ITST
50      COMMON/MCE/KEY(200,4),JIA,KSAVE(150),NAME(100,2),IANXX(20,4),ISPK
60      KEY(10)
70      COMMON/ITH/KSPL(11,2,2,2,2),INRD(112,3),LOBLE(9,6),ITOM(112,4),IXS
80      I(112,20),ITIM(112,4),IXSB(112,20)
90      COMMON/FEA/NNL,NNQ,IKEY(10),LBL(10),LKEY(12,12,12),LCNF(15,6)
100     COMMON /FN/ ITEXT (130,6)
110     NLKEY=12
120     DO 703 J=1,6
130     703 READ 9001,((ITEXT(L,J),L=1,78)
140     9001 FORMAT (13A6)
150     READ 120,(((INRD(I,J),J=1,3),I=1,112)
160     120 FORMAT (4(3A6,2X))
170     READ 121,((LOBLE(I,J),J=1,6),I=1,9)
180     121 FORMAT(6A6,4X,6A6)
190     DO 122 I=1,11
200     122 READ 123,(((KSPL(I,J,K,L,M),J=1,2),K=1,2),M=1,2),L=1,2)
210     123 FORMAT (2X,8I4,4X,8I4)
220     READ 125,((IKEY(J),J=1,5)
230     125 FORMAT(6(012,1X))
240     DO 126 I=2,NLKEY
250     I1=I-1
260     126 READ 127,((LKEY(I,J,K),K=1,1),J=1,11)
270     127 FORMAT(40I2)
280     READ 121,((LBL(I),I=1,6)
290     READ 850,((LCNF(I,J),J=1,6),I=1,15)
300     850 FORMAT(6A6,4X,6A6)
310     READ 109, NKEY,NA,NV,NASCOR,JSA6,JSA7,NDL
320     J2PAGE=0
330     DO 101 I=1,NKEY
340     101 READ 110, N,(KEY(N,J),J=1,4)
350     READ 113,((ISPKEY(I),I=1,9)
360     DO 102 I=5,20
370     102 READ 108, ((IANXX(I,J),J=1,4)
380     DO 103 I=1,20
390     103 READ 111, N,(NAME(N,J),J=1,2)
400     104 READ 104,NTEST,NQ,NL,JPUNCH,JAVE,NXPAGE,LBLTST,IBIG,JIA,NKEY,
410     INXLIS,JSPK,JTTEST,((IOP(I),I=1,10)
420     IF(JAVE.EQ.0) JAVE=1
430     IXZP=0
440     IF(INTEST.LT.0) IXZP=2
450     IF(MOD(JAVE,JSPK).NE.0) GO TO 300
460     GO TO 301
470     300 PRINT 9052
480     9052 FORMAT (10X,'***** THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS AND TESTS ARE INCOMPATIB
490     ILE *****')
500     GO TO 107
510     301 CONTINUE
520     MLL=NL
530     MNR=NNQ
540     MLAV=JAVE
550     MLSP=JSPK
560     IF (NQ.EQ.0) GO TO 107
570     PRINT 9044
580     9044 FORMAT('1 MTS MNS MLS RAT? JAVE PAGE LBL? BGIO ITH? X

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590      IKY? ALS? SPA? T1ST? SPLT OPTLS*)
600      PRINT 9050,NTEST,NQ,NL,JPUNCH,JAVE,NXPAGE,LBLTST,IBIG,JIA,NAKEY,
610      INALIS,JSPK,JTTEST,(IOP(I),I=1,10)
620 9050  FORMAT (13I6,4X,10I1)
630      J2PAGE=0
640      IF (NXPAGE) 114,116,116
650 114  J2PAGE=1
660      NXPAGE=IABS(NXPAGE)
670 116  CONTINUE
680      J3PAGE=0
690      IF(NXPAGE.LT.100) GO TO 117
700      J2PAGE=1
710      J3PAGE=1
720      NXPAGE=NXPAGE-100
730 117  CONTINUE
740      NTEST=IABS(NTEST)
750      NR=0
760      IF (JPUNCH.GT.0) NR=6
770      IXRA=ISUB(2HAA)
780      IF(NXKEY.EQ.0) GO TO 222
790 221  READ 9060,115,1TOHE,KOP
800      ISAVE(115)=1TOHE
810      IF(KOP.EQ.0) GO TO 221
820 9060  FORMAT (14,2X,14,65X,15)
830 222  CONTINUE
840      IF (INXLS.NE.0) IXRA=ISUB(2HEX)
850      IF(JSPK.EQ.0) GO TO 234
860      JSPK=IABS(JSPK)
870      DO 231 KZ=1,JSPK
880 231  READ 232,L,NATE(L),(NAME(L,LL),LL=1,2)
890 232  FORMAT(14,2X,A2,2X,2R6)
900 234  CONTINUE
910      IF (JAVE.EQ.0) JAVE=1
920      DO 105 J=1,13
930 105  LABEL(J)=6H
940      IF (LBLTST.EQ.1) READ 112, (LABEL(J),J=1,13)
950      DO 106 ITST=1,NTEST
960      NL=MLL
970      NQ=MLQ
980      JAVE=MLAV
990      JSPK=MLSP
1000     LBL(3)=6HFRCT
1010     LBL(4)=6HGRAY
1020     CALL ITTIAL
1030     NNQ=NQ
1040    >NNL>NL
1050     IF(JSPK.NE.0)>NNL>JSPK
1060     IF (LBLTST.EQ.2) READ 112, (LABEL(J),J=1,13)
1070     IXRA=ISUB(2H8X)
1080     CALL RATING (1)
1090     CALL CHECK
1100     DO 106 LXZP=1,IXZP
1110     CALL STDPG
1120     DO 115 NPAG=1,NPAGE
1130     IF(J2PAGE.EQ.1) CALL FINII
1140     IF(J3PAGE.EQ.0) CALL FINIS
1150 115  CONTINUE
1160     CALL ERROR
1170     IF(1BIG.GT.0) CALL BIG10
1180     IF(JIA.GT.0) CALL ITMANL
1190     IF(JIA.LT.2) GO TO 119
1200     DO 118 I=1,112
1210     DO 1018 J=1,4
1220 1018 ITOM(I,J)=ITIM(I,J)
1230     DO 1019 J=1,20
1240 1019 IXS(I,J)=IXSB(I,J)
1250 118  CONTINUE
1260     CALL ITMANL
1270 119  CONTINUE
1280     IF(JPUNCH.EQ.2) CALL PUNCH
1290     IF (JTTEST.GT.0) CALL TTST
1300 106  CONTINUE
1310     GO TO 104
1320 107  CONTINUE
1330     C
1340 108  FORMAT (10X,010,5X,010,5X,010,5X,010)
1350 109  FORMAT (13I4,1FX,10I1)
1360 110  FORMAT (2X,12,6X,010,5X,010,5X,010,5X,010)
1370 111  FORMAT (14,2X,3A6)
1380 112  FORMAT (13A6)
1390 113  FORMAT(10(06,1X))
1400     END

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10 SUBROUTINE BIG10
20 COMMON/ALL/CODE(150),SEL(20),NQ,NL,NA,NV,JTTEST,NDL,NASCUN,JPOUCH
30 I,NH,JAVE,IBUG,JSPK,IOP(10),ISAVE(200),NATE(20)
40 COMMON/ERR/NSUB(20),IL(20,7),IX(20,7),IB(20,7),IT(20,7)
50 I,IQU(20,150),ITEM(112)
60 COMMON/ITH/KSPL(11,2,2,2,2),INRD(112,3),LOBLE(9,6),ITOM(112,4),IX5
70 I(112,20)
80 DIMENSION IBIG(15),IBIGP(15),BIG(15)
90 DO 2 K=1,15
100 IBIG(K)=ITEM(1)
110 IBIGP(K)=1
120 DO 1 I=2,112
130 IF (IBIG(K).GT.ITEM(I)) GO TO 1
140 IBIG(K)=ITEM(I)
150 IBIGP(K)=I
160 1 CONTINUE
170 J=IBIGP(K)
180 ITEM(J)=0
190 2 CONTINUE
200 TOT=NQ*NL*JAVE
210 IF (JSPK.NE.0) TOT=NQ*JAVE*JSPK
220 DO 3 K=1,15
230 I=IBIGP(K)
240 ITEM(I)=IBIG(K)
250 3 BIG(K)=((TOT-2*IBIG(K))/TOT)*100.0
260 PRINT 10
270 10 FORMAT(1H1,9X,56HFOR THE PURPOSES OF FURTHER RESEARCH DESIGNED TO
280 IMPROVE,/,12X,60HYOUR SYSTEM OR DEVICE, YOU WILL FIND IT ADVANTAGE
290 ZOUS TO GIVE,/,12X,73HSPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DISTINGUISHABILITY O
300 4F THE FOLLOWING WORD PAIRS. )
310 PRINT 16
320 16 FORMAT (16X,10HWORD PAIRS ,17X,4HP(C) /)
330 DO 11 I=1,10
340 J=IBIGP(I)
350 PRINT 12,(INRD(J,K),K=1,3),BIG(I)
360 IF (BIG(I).GT.99.999999) GO TO 20
370 11 CONTINUE
380 20 CONTINUE
390 12 FORMAT (16X,3A6,4X,F10.1,/)
400 PRINT 15
410 15 FORMAT (/,10X,*** THE CONTRASTS: FAD-THAD, FIN-THIN,FOUGHT-THOUG
420 HNT,/,12X,*VON-BON, VOX-BOX, VEE-BEE, VILL-BILL, VAULT-FAULT *
430 2,/, 12X, 55HARE GENERALLY AMONG THE MOST DI
440 FFICULT TO DISTINGUISH,/,12X,74HTHEIR PRESENCE ON THE FOREGOING LI
450 7ST DOES NOT, THEREFORE, REFLECT UNIQUELY,/,12X,46HUPON THE PERFORM
460 ANCE OF YOUR SYSTEM OR DEVICE. )
470 RETURN
480 END

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10 FUNCTION IPOP (I,J)
20 JX=J
30 JX=JX+28
40 1 JX=JX-28
50 IF (JX.GT.28) GO TO 1
60 JX=JX-1
70 IX=1
80 IX=LSHIFT(IX,-JX)
90 IPOP=A.O(IX,1)
100 RETURN
110 END

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10 SUBROUTINE FOOTNT (N)
20 COMMON /FN/ ITEXT (130,6)
30 GO TO (1,9,1,1,9,1,9,9,1),N
40 1 IF (N.EQ.9) J=6
50 IF (N.LT.7) J=5
60 IF (N.LT.5) J=N
70 PRINT 9000,(ITEXT(L,J),L=1,78)
80 9000 FORMAT (20X,13A6)
90 9 RETURN
100 END

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10 SUBROUTINE CHECK
20 INTEGER CODE
30 COMMON/ALL/CODE(150),SEL(20),NQ,NL,NA,NV,JTTEST,NDL,NASCON,JPUNCH
40 I,NR,JAVE,IBIG,JSPK,DP(10),ISAVE(200),RATE(20)
50 COMMON /ERR/ NSUB(20),ILXAP(20,7),ILXAA(20,7),ILXAB(20,7),ILXAT(20
60 1,7),ILXW(20,150),ITEM(112),ISPLT(10,20,2,4),ILXV(20,8)
70 2,IQRS(150)
80 COMMON/MCE/KEY(200,4),JIA,KSAVE(150),NAME(100,2),IANXX(20,4),ISPK
90 IEY(10)
100 COMMON /MF/ LABLE(13),ITST
110 COMMON/ITH/KSPL(11,2,2,2,2),INRD(112,3),LOBLE(9,6),ITOM(112,4),IXS
120 I(112,20),ITIM(112,4),IXSB(112,20)
130 DIMENSION IDATA(112)
140 JA=0
150 DO 4 LL=1,NL
160 DO 1 K=1,9
170 DO 1 NF=1,2
180 DO 1 NZ=1,2
190 1 ISPLT(K,LL,NP,NZ)=0
200 DO 2 K=1,NA
210 ILXAP(LL,K)=0
220 2 ILXAA(LL,K)=0
230 DO 30 K=1,8
240 30 ILXV(LL,K)=0
250 DO 3 K=1,150
260 IQRS(K)=0
270 CODE(K)=4K
280 3 ILXQ(LL,K)=0
290 4 CONTINUE
300 DO 5 I=1,4
310 DO 5 J=1,4
320 5 IANXX(I,J)=0
330 DO 6 J=1,112
340 ITEM(J)=0
350 6 CONTINUE
360 INC=1
370 IV=-1
380 GO TO 8
390 7 INC=-1
400 IV=-2
410 8 CONTINUE
420 DO 23 KY=1,JAVE
430 IF (JPUNCH.NE.0) CALL RATING (IV)
440 DO 23 KQ=1,NQ
450 DO 22 LL=1,NL
460 DO 22 MJL=1,2
470 READ 26, CODE,IL,IPAGE,NKEY,(IDATA(J),J=1,56),IANS,ISHEET
480 IANS=IANS+1
490 ISHEET=ISHEET-1RA+1
500 IANS=((IANS+4)-4)+((ISHEET+1)/2)
510 IF (ISAVE(NKEY).NE.0) NKEY=ISAVE(NKEY)
520 IQ=MOD(NKEY,NQ)
530 IF (IQ.EQ.0) IQ=NQ
540 CODE(KY)=KODE
550 IF (JSPK.EQ.0) IQ=(KY+NQ-NQ)+IQ
560 IF (JSPK) 76,77,76
570 76 IL=-IL
580 77 ILX=ISUB(IL)
590 NSUB(ILX)=IL
600 IL=ILX
610 JJ=0
620 IF (MOD(ISHEET,2).EQ.0) JJ=56
630 DO 22 N=1,8
640 NH=N
650 IF (MOD(ISHEET,2).EQ.0) NH=N+8
660 DO 22 K=1,NA
670 J=((N+IA)-NA)+K

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680 1 ITEM=J+JJ
690 KLINK=(1ITEM+27.0)/28.0
700 IF (IPOP(IANXX(IANS,KLINK),J).EQ.1) IDATA(J)=3-IDATA(J)
710 GO TO (10,9),IPAGE
720 9 IDATA(J)=3-IDATA(J)
730 10 IF (IDATA(J)-(IPOP(KEYINKEY,KLINK),J)+1) 19,22,11
740 11 ILXAP(IL,K)=ILXAP(IL,K)+INC
750 LQ=MOD(IQ,NQ)
760 IF (LQ.EQ.0) LQ=NQ
770 ITIM(J+JJ,LQ)=ITIM(J+JJ,LQ)+INC
780 IXSB(J+JJ,IL)=IXSB(J+JJ,IL)+INC
790 IJ=1
800 12 GO TO (11,13,13,13,14,15,17),K
810 13 L=IPOP(ISPKEY(K),NH)+1
820 ISPLT(K,IL,L,IJ)=ISPLT(K,IL,L,IJ)+INC
830 GO TO 18
840 14 L=IPOP(ISPKEY(K),NH)+1
850 ISPLT(K,IL,L,IJ)=ISPLT(K,IL,L,IJ)+INC
860 KK=K+1
870 L=IPOP(ISPKEY(KK),NH)+1
880 ISPLT(KK,IL,L,IJ)=ISPLT(KK,IL,L,IJ)+INC
890 GO TO 18
900 15 KK=6
910 16 KK=KK+1
920 L=IPOP(ISPKEY(KK),NH)+1
930 ISPLT(KK,IL,L,IJ)=ISPLT(KK,IL,L,IJ)+INC
940 IF (KK.LT.9) GO TO 16
950 GO TO 18
960 17 CONTINUE
970 18 IF (NASCOR=K) 21,20,20
980 19 ILXAA(IL,K)=ILXAA(IL,K)+INC
990 LQ=MOD(IQ,NQ)
1000 IF (LQ.EQ.0) LQ=NQ
1010 ITIM(J+JJ,LQ)=ITIM(J+JJ,LQ)+INC
1020 IXSB(J+JJ,IL)=IXSB(J+JJ,IL)+INC
1030 IJ=2
1040 GO TO 12
1050 20 ILXQ(IL,IQ)=ILXQ(IL,IQ)+INC
1060 JTX=MOD(J,8)
1070 IF (JTX.EQ.0) JTX=8
1080 ILXV(IL,JTX)=ILXV(IL,JTX)+INC
1090 IF (JJA.EQ.0) GO TO 21
1100 INK=INC
1110 LQ=MOD(IQ,NQ)
1120 IF (LQ.EQ.0) LQ=NQ
1130 ITOM(J+JJ,LQ)=ITOM(J+JJ,LQ)+INK
1140 IXS(J+JJ,IL)=IXS(J+JJ,IL)+INK
1150 21 ITEM(J+JJ)=ITEM(J+JJ)+INC
1160 IGRS(KY)=IGRS(KY)+INC
1170 22 CONTINUE
1180 23 CONTINUE
1190 IF ((JTEST.GT.0).AND.(INC.EQ.1)) GO TO 7
1200 DO 25 I=1,NL
1210 DO 24 J=1,NA
1220 ILXAT(I,J)=ILXAP(I,J)+ILXAA(I,J)
1230 24 ILXAB(I,J)=ILXAP(I,J)-ILXAA(I,J)
1240 DO 25 J=1,9
1250 DO 25 NP=1,2
1260 ISPLT(J,I,NP,3)=ISPLT(J,I,NP,1)-ISPLT(J,I,NP,2)
1270 ISPLT(J,I,NP,4)=ISPLT(J,I,NP,1)+ISPLT(J,I,NP,2)
1280 25 CONTINUE
1290 RETURN
1300 26 FORMAT (R4,12,11,12,2X,2011,1X,2811,10X,11,R1)
1310 END

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10 SUBROUTINE ITTIAL
20 COMMON/ITH/KSPL(11,2,2,2,2),INRD(112,3),LORLE(9,6),ITOM(112,4),IXS
30 I(112,20)
40 DO 10 I=1,112
50 DO 5 J=1,20
60 5 IAS(I,J)=0
70 DO 6 J=1,4
80 6 ITOM(I,J)=0
90 10 CONTINUE
100 RETURN
110 END

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10 SUBROUTINE ERROR
20 INTEGER CODE
30 COMMON/ALL/CODE(150),SEL(20),NRQ,NL,NA,NV,JTTEST,NDL,NASCOR,JPUNCH
40 1,NR,JAVE,IB,G,JSPK,10P(10),1SAVE(200),NATL(20)
50 COMMON /ERR/ NSUB(20),ILXAP(20,7),ILXAA(20,7),ILXAB(20,7),ILXAT(20
60 1,7),ILXG(20,150),ITEM(112),ISPLT(10,20,2,4),ILXV(20,8)
70 2,IQRS(150)
80 COMMON/MCE/KEY(200,4),JIA,KSAVE(150),NAME(100,2),IANXX(20,4),1SPK
90 1EY(10)
100 DIMENSION OE(20,150),IT1(150),IT2(150),CHI(20),PCHI(20)
110 NR=NRQ
120 K2=6H TEST
130 K3=6H
140 IF(JAVE.GT.1) K3=6HS
150 K1=6H WHOLE
160 IF(NQ.LE.2) K1=6H HALF
170 MNOZ=6MLISTEN
180 MNOZ=6HRS ON
190 IF(JSPK) 48,49,48
200 48 MNOZ=6HSPEAKE
210 MNOZ=6HRS ON
220 49 PRINT 41,NL,MNOZ,MNOZ,JAVE,K1,K2,K3
230 TOT=D.0
240 RXX=NASCOR
250 QXX=NQ*JAVE
260 IF(JSPK.NE.0) QXX=NQ*JSPK*(JAVE/NL)
270 TXX=16.*QXX*RXX
280 TOT=D.0
290 DO 6 I=1,112
300 IF (MOD(I,7).EQ.0) GO TO 6
310 TOT=TOT+ITEM(I)
320 6 CONTINUE
330 Y=NASCOR*16.
340 IF(JSPK.NE.0) Y=Y*JSPK
350 NQ=NRQ*JAVE
360 IF(JSPK.NE.0) NQ=NRQ
370 DF=NQ-1
380 DO 7 I=1,NQ
390 7 IT2(I)=0
400 DO 8 J=1,NL
410 IB=KSUM(ILXQ,NQ,-J,NDL)
420 CHI(J)=0.0
430 II=KSUM(ILXQ,NQ,-J,NDL)
440 E=(Y+II)/(NQ*Y)
450 DO 8 I=1,NQ
460 IT2(I)=IT2(I)+ILXQ(J,I)
470 IC=KSUM(ILXQ,NL,I,NDL)
480 OE(I,I)=ILXQ(J,I)-(IC*IB/TOT)
490 CHI(J)=CHI(J)+(((ILXQ(J,I)-E)**2)/E)+(((ILXQ(J,I)-E)**2)/(Y-E))
500 8 PCHI(J)=SGNF(CHI(J),-DF)
510 PRINT 25,(CODE(I),IQRS(I),I=1,JAVE)
520 DO 13 I=1,NL
530 QXX=KSUM(ILXQ,NQ,-I,NDL)
540 RXX=(TAX-2*QXX)/TXX
550 IF (JTTEST.GT.0) RXX=QXX/TXX
560 RXX=RA*100
570 K=NSUB(I)
580 IF(NQ.LE.2) GO TO 37
590 PRINT 39,NSUB(I),(NAME(K,L),L=1,2),RXX,SEL(I),CHI(I),PCHI(I),
600 1(ILXQ(I,J),J=1,4),(OE(I,J),J=1,4)
610 39 FORMAT (14,2A6,3F5.1,R5,2X,4I4,2X, 4F6.1)
620 GO TO 3333
630 37 PRINT 38,NSUB(I),(NAME(K,L),L=1,2),RXX,SEL(I),CHI(I),PCHI(I),
640 1(ILXQ(I,J),J=1,2),(OE(I,J),J=1,2)
650 38 FORMAT (14,2A6,3F5.1,R5,2X,2I4,10X,2F6.1)
660 3333 CONTINUE
670 IF(NQ.LE.4) GO TO 13
680 DO 8 I3 L=5,NQ,4

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690      K=L+3
700      IF(K.GT.NQ) GO TO 3334
710      813  PHINT 40,(ILXQ(I,J),J=L,K),(OE(I,J),J=L,K)
720      40   FORMAT (38X,4I4,2X,4F6.1)
730      GO TO 13
740      3334  K=L+1
750      PHINT 3337,(ILXQ(I,J),J=L,K),(OE(I,J),J=L,K)
760      3337  FORMAT (38X,2I4,10X,2F6.1)
770      13   CONTINUE
780      DO 14 J=1,NQ
790      IT1(J)=0
800      DO 14 I=1,NL
810      IT1(J)=ILXQ(I,J)+IT1(J)
820      14   CONTINUE
830      PRINT 3338,(IT1(J),J=1,NQ)
840      3338  FORMAT (38X,4I4)
850      NQ=NXQ
860      PHINT 29
870      DO 16 I=1,NL
880      IT1(I)=KSUM(ILXAP,NASCOR,-1,NDL)
890      IT2(I)=KSUM(ILXAA,NASCOR,-1,NDL)
900      16   PRINT 30, NSUB(I),(ILXAP(I,J),J=1,NA),IT1(I),(ILXAA(I,J),J=1,NA),I
910      IT2(I)
920      DO 17 J=1,NA
930      IT1(J)=KSUM(ILXAP,NL,J,NDL)
940      17   IT2(J)=KSUM(ILXAA,NL,J,NDL)
950      I1=KSUM(IT1,NASCOR,1,1)
960      I2=KSUM(IT2,NASCOR,1,1)
970      PRINT 31, (IT1(J),J=1,NA),I1,(IT2(J),J=1,NA),I2
980      PRINT 27
990      DO 18 I=1,NL
1000     IT1(I)=KSUM(ILXAB,NASCOR,-1,NDL)
1010     IT2(I)=KSUM(ILXAT,NASCOR,-1,NDL)
1020     18   PRINT 30, NSUB(I),(ILXAB(I,J),J=1,NA),IT1(I),(ILXAT(I,J),J=1,NA),I
1030     IT2(I)
1040     DO 19 J=1,NA
1050     IT1(J)=KSUM(ILXAB,NL,J,NDL)
1060     19   IT2(J)=KSUM(ILXAT,NL,J,NDL)
1070     I1=KSUM(IT1,NASCOR,1,1)
1080     I2=KSUM(IT2,NASCOR,1,1)
1090     PRINT 31, (IT1(J),J=1,NA),I1,(IT2(J),J=1,NA),I2
1100     23   PRINT 35
1110     DO 24 I=1,7
1120     24   PRINT 36, (ITEM(I),J=1,112,7)
1130     RETURN
1140     C
1150     25   FORMAT (15(10(2X,R4,1H=,14)/))
1160     41   FORMAT (1H1,10X,'SCORES FOR ',12,1X,2A6,1X,13,3A6)
1170     26   FORMAT (10X,26HQARTERS OBSERVED-EXPECTED)
1180     27   FORMAT (23X,17HATTRIBUTE BIAS ,34X,16HATTRIBUTE TOTAL )
1190     28   FORMAT (14,25F5.0)
1200     29   FORMAT (33X,34HERRORS FOR LISTENERS BY ATTRIBUTES/23X,17HATTRIBUTE
1210     1 PRESENT,34X,16HATTRIBUTE ABSENT/1X,4H(LW),2(4X,47HVOIC NASL SUS
1220     2Y S1BL GRAV COMP EXPL TOTAL,1X))
1230     30   FORMAT (2H (,12,2H) ,2(816,4X))
1240     31   FORMAT (6H TOTAL,2(816,4X))
1250     32   FORMAT (1H0,37X,28HERRORS FOR QUARTERS BY ITEMS)
1260     33   FORMAT (7H0ITEM #,3X,14(1H(,13,1H),1X))
1270     34   FORMAT (8X,1416)
1280     35   FORMAT (1H0,34X,20HERRORS FOR EACH ITEM/10X,10HITEMS 1-20,10X,11H1
1290     ITEMS 29-56,10X,11HITEMS 57-84,10X,12HITEMS 85-112)
1300     36   FORMAT (1H ,5X,4(414,5X))
1310     END

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10     FUNCTION KSUM (KKK,NN,NRC,ND)
20     DIMENSION KKK(ND,1)
30     KSUM=0
40     K=ABS(NRC)
50     N=ABS(NN)
60     I=1
70     IF (NN) 1,5,2
80     1     I=2
90     2     IF (NRC) 6,5,3
100    3     DO 4 J=1,N
110    4     KSUM=KSUM+KKK(J,K)
120    5     RETURN
130    6     DO 7 J=1,N
140    7     KSUM=KSUM+KKK(K,J)
150    RETURN
160    END

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10 SUBROUTINE FINI
20 INTEGER CODE
30 COMMON /ALL/ CODE(150),SEL(20),NQ,NL,NA,NV,JTEST,NDL,NASCOX,JPUNCH
40 1,NR,JAVE,IBIG,JSPK,IOP(10),ISAVE(200),NATE(20)
50 COMMON /MF/ LABLE(13),ITST,NAAME(20),LI,IST(20),JPQXR
60 COMMON /SCORE/ PAP(7),SAP(7),PAA(7),SAA(7),PAB(7),SAB(7),PAT(7),SA
70 IT(7),PV(8),SV(8),PTOT,STOT,RATE(10),SERATE(10),SPO(10,2,4),SPO2(
80 210,2,4)
90 IF(LABLE(13).EQ.0) LABLE(13)=6H
100 IF(LABLE(12).EQ.0) LABLE(12)=6H
110 IF(JAVE.NE.1) LABLE(12)=6HMULTI
120 PRINT 3,(LABLE(J),J=2,4),(CODE(I),I=1,NQ,4)
130 MEOW1=AND(7777B,LABLE(11))
140 MEOW2=AND(7777B,LSHIFT(LABLE(11),-12) )
150 MEOW3=AND(7777B,LSHIFT(LABLE(11),-24) )
160 PRINT 4,(LABLE(J),J=7,10),MEOW3,MEOW2,MEOW1,LABLE(12)
170 PRINT 5
180 PRINT 6, PAP(1),SAP(1),PAA(1),SAA(1),PAB(1),SAB(1),PAT(1),SAT(1)
190 PRINT 7, PAP(2),SAP(2),PAA(2),SAA(2),PAB(2),SAB(2),PAT(2),SAT(2)
200 PRINT 8, PAP(3),SAP(3),PAA(3),SAA(3),PAB(3),SAB(3),PAT(3),SAT(3)
210 PRINT 9, PAP(4),SAP(4),PAA(4),SAA(4),PAB(4),SAB(4),PAT(4),SAT(4)
220 PRINT 10, PAP(5),SAP(5),PAA(5),SAA(5),PAB(5),SAB(5),PAT(5),SAT(5)
230 PRINT 11, PAP(6),SAP(6),PAA(6),SAA(6),PAB(6),SAB(6),PAT(6),SAT(6)
240 PRINT 13,((SPO(9,J,1),SPO2(9,J,1),I=1,4),J=1,2)
250 PRINT 12, PAA(7),SAA(7),PAP(7),SAP(7),PAB(7),SAB(7),PAT(7),SAT(7)
260 PRINT 14
270 INLX=NL
280 ISPX=1
290 NWOZ=6HNUM OF
300 NWOZ=6H LISTE
310 JAOZ=6H NERS
320 JNIZ=6HNER
330 IF(JSPK) 41,42,41
340 41 NWOZ=6H SPEAK
350 JAOZ=6HERS
360 JNIZ=6HER
370 INLX=JSPK
380 ISPX=NL
390 42 CONTINUE
400 PRINT 19,INLX,PV(3),SV(3)
410 PRINT 20,ISPX,PV(7),SV(7)
420 NN=16*NQ*NASCOX*JAVE
430 PRINT 21,NN,PV(8),SV(8)
440 PRINT 22, PV(4),SV(4)
450 JNIZ=JPQXR+1
460 IF(JPUNCH.EQ.0) JNIZ=1
470 DO 43 I=JNIZ,12
480 43 NAAME(I)=6H
490 PRINT 17,(NAAME(I),I=1,12),PV(2),SV(2)
500 PRINT 15, PV(6),SV(6)
510 PRINT 18, PV(1),SV(1)
520 PRINT 16,NWOZ,JAOZ,PV(5),SV(5)
530 IF (JPUNCH.NE.0) GO TO 1
540 PRINT 25
550 PRINT 24
560 PRINT 23, PTOT
570 PRINT 24
580 PRINT 27, STOT
590 PRINT 24
600 PRINT 25
610 RETURN
620 1 PRINT 29
630 PRINT 30, RATE(1),SERATE(1)
640 PRINT 31, RATE(2),SERATE(2),PTOT
650 PRINT 33, RATE(3),SERATE(3)
660 PRINT 32, RATE(4),SERATE(4),STOT
670 PRINT 34, RATE(5),SERATE(5)
680 IF (NN.GT.5) GO TO 2
690 PRINT 26
700 PRINT 44
710 RETURN
720 2 PRINT 28, RATE(6),SERATE(6)
730 MEOW1=6H
740 MEOW2=6H
750 IF(JAVE.LT.2) JAOZ=6H

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760 IF(JAVE.LT.2) NWOZ=6H
770 IF(JAVE.LT.2) GO TO 8932
780 MEOW1=6HAYEAG
790 MEOW2=6HED BY
800 8932 CONTINUE
810 PRINT 44,MEOW1,MEOW2,NWOZ,JWOZ
820 44 FORMAT (5X,'(QUALITY RATINGS NOT FOR SCIENTIFIC USE)',19X,4A6)
830 RETURN
840 C
850 3 FORMAT (1H1,4X,32HDIAGNOSTIC RHYME TEST SCORES FOR,3X,3A6,21X,10(
860 14,1X))
870 4 FORMAT (5X,22HEXPERIMENTAL CONDITION,2X,4A6,6X,'DATE TESTED ',M2,
880 1//R2,'//',R2,2X,'LIST NO.',A6//)
890 5 FORMAT (5X,9HATTRIBUTE,9X,8HMEAN FOR,3X,4HS=E.,2X,8HMEAN FOR,4X,4H
900 15=E.,2X,8HMEAN FOR,4X,4HS=E.,2X,8HMEAN FOR,4X,4HS=E./23X,9HATTRIBU
910 2TE,8X,9HATTRIBUTE,9X,9HATTRIBUTE,9X,9HATTRIBUTE/,23X,7HPRESENT,10X
920 3,6HABSENT,12X,5HDIFF./)
930 6 FORMAT (5X,7HVOICING,11X,4(F6.1,3X,F6.2,3X)/)
940 7 FORMAT (5X,8HNASALITY,10X,4(F6.1,3X,F6.2,3X)/)
950 8 FORMAT (5X,10HSUSTENTION,8X,4(F6.1,3X,F6.2,3X)/)
960 9 FORMAT (5X,10HSIBILATION,8X,4(F6.1,3X,F6.2,3X)/)
970 10 FORMAT (5X,9HGRAVENESS,9X,4(F6.1,3X,F6.2,3X)/)
980 11 FORMAT (5X,11HCOMPACTNESS,7X,4(F6.1,3X,F6.2,3X))
990 12 FORMAT (5X,13HEXPERIMENTAL,5X,4(F6.1,3X,F6.2,3X))
1000 13 FORMAT (8X,15HBACK VS. FRONT,2X,4(F6.1,3X,F6.2,3X)/8X,15HBACK VS.
1010 1 MIDDLE,2X,4(F6.1,3X,F6.2,3X))
1020 14 FORMAT (1//57X,13HVOWEL CONTEXT,8X,4HMEAN,8X,4HS=E.)
1030 15 FORMAT (5X,'REMARKS:1)EXPERIMENTAL ITEMS ARE NOT',20X,4H(UH),11X,
1040 1F6.1,6X,F6.2)
1050 16 FORMAT (13X,'2)ALL S.E.',1H,'S BASED ON MEANS OF ',2A6,5X,4H(AH),
1060 1,11X,F6.1,6X,F6.2/)
1070 17 FORMAT (5X,10HSPEAKER(S),2X,12A3,8X,4H(00),11X,F6.1,6X,F6.2)
1080 18 FORMAT (17X,'INCLUDED IN ANY SUMMARY SCORES.',13X,4H(AW),11X,F6.1,
1090 16X,F6.2)
1100 19 FORMAT (5X,'NUMBER OF LISTENERS',14,33X,4H(EE),11X,F6.1,6X,F6.2)
1110 20 FORMAT (5X,'NUMBER OF SPEAKERS ',14,33X,4H(IH),11X,F6.1,6X,F6.2)
1120 21 FORMAT (5X,'DRT WORDS PRESENTED',19,28X,4H(EH),11X,F6.1,6X,F6.2)
1130 22 FORMAT (61X,4H(AT),11X,F6.1,6X,F6.2)
1140 23 FORMAT (55X,1HX,6X,15HTOTAL DRT SCORE,4X,F6.1,6X,1HX)
1150 24 FORMAT (55X,1HX,37X,1HX)
1160 25 FORMAT (55X,37HXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
1170 26 FORMAT (55X,37HXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
1180 27 FORMAT (55X,1HX,6X,14HSTANDARD ERROR,5X,F6.2,6X,1HX)
1190 28 FORMAT (5X,18HROUGH VS SMOOTH, F4.2,3X,F5.2,20X,37HXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
1200 1XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
1210 29 FORMAT (5X,31HQUALITY RATINGS MEAN S.E.,19X,39HXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
1220 1XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
1230 30 FORMAT (5X,18H50FT VS LOUD, F4.2,3XF5.2,20X,1HX,35X,1HX)
1240 31 FORMAT (5X,18HTREBLE VS BASS, F4.2,3XF5.2,20X,1HX,4X,15HTOTAL D
1250 1RT SCORE,4X,F6.1,6X,1HX)
1260 32 FORMAT (5X,18HUNPLSNT VS PLSNT, F4.2,3XF5.2,20X,1HX,4X,14HSTANDAR
1270 1D ERROR,5X,F6.2,6X,1HX)
1280 33 FORMAT (5X,18HUNCLEAR VS CLEAR, F4.2,3XF5.2,20X,1HX,35X,1HX)
1290 34 FORMAT (5X,18HUNNAT. VS NATURAL, F4.2,3XF5.2,20X,1HX,35X,1HX)
1300 END

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10 FUNCTION PRBF(DA,DB,FR)
20 PRBF=1.0
30 IF (DA .LE. 0.0) RETURN
40 IF (DB .LE. 0.0) RETURN
50 IF (FR .LE. 0.0) RETURN
60 IF (FR .LE. 1.0) GO TO 5
70 A=DA
80 B=DB
90 F=FR
100 GO TO 10
110 5 A=DB
120 B=DA
130 F=1.0/FR
140 10 AA=2.0/(9.0+A)
150 BB=2.0/(9.0+B)
160 Z=ABS(((1.0-BB)*F+.333333-1.0+AA)/SQRT((B+F+.666667+AA)))
170 IF (B.LT.4.0) Z=Z*(1.0+.0R+Z+.4/BB+.3)
180 PRBF=.5/(1.0+Z*(1.14854+Z*(1.115194+Z*(1.000344+Z*(.019527))))+.4
190 IF (FR.LT.1.0) PRBF=1.0-PRBF
200 RETURN
210 END

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10 SUBROUTINE FINIS
11 INTEGER CODE
12 COMMON/ALL/CODE(150),SEL(20),NQ,NL,NA,NV,JTTEST,NDL,NASCOR,JPUNCH,
13 1,HR,JAVE,IOIG,JSPA,IOP(10),ISAVE(200),NATE(20)
14 COMMON /HF/ LABEL(13),ITST,NAAME(20),LIIST(20),JPWKK
15 COMMON /SCORE/ PAP(7),SAP(7),PAA(7),SAA(7),PAB(7),SAB(7),PAT(7),SA
16 IT(7),PV(7),SV(7),PTOT,STOT,NATE(10),SERATE(10),SPU(10,2,4),SPD(
17 210,2,4)
18 DIMENSION O(10,2,4)
19 DO 1 I=1,10
20 DO 1 J=1,2
21 DO 1 K=1,3
22 O(I,J,K)=6H
23 O(1,1,1)=6HFRICTI
24 O(1,1,2)=6HONAL
25 O(1,2,1)=6HNONFRI
26 O(1,2,2)=6HCTIUNA
27 O(1,2,3)=6HML
28 O(2,1,1)=6HGRAVE
29 O(2,2,1)=6HACUTE
30 O(3,1,1)=6HVOICED
31 O(3,2,1)=6HUNVOIC
32 O(3,2,2)=6HED
33 O(4,1,1)=6HVOICED
34 O(4,2,1)=6HUNVOIC
35 O(4,2,2)=6HED
36 O(5,1,1)=6HVOICED
37 O(5,2,1)=6HUNVOIC
38 O(5,2,2)=6HED
39 O(6,1,1)=6H STO
40 O(6,1,2)=6HPPED
41 O(6,2,1)=6H UNS
42 O(6,2,2)=6HTOPPED
43 O(7,1,1)=6HVOICED
44 O(7,2,1)=6HUNVOIC
45 O(7,2,2)=6HED
46 O(8,1,1)=6H SUS
47 O(8,1,2)=6HTAINED
48 O(8,2,1)=6H INT
49 O(8,2,2)=6HERRUPT
50 O(8,2,3)=6HED
51 O(9,1,2)=6HBM/M
52 O(9,2,2)=6HBM/F
53 NPZ=NQ-16=NASCOR-JAVE
54 MEOW1=AND(7777B,LABEL(11))
55 MEOW2=AND(7777B,LSHIFT(LABEL(11),-12))
56 MEOW3=AND(7777B,LSHIFT(LABEL(11),-24))
57 PRINT 5,(LABEL(1),I=2,4),(LABEL(1),I=7,9),MEOW3,MEOW2,MEOW1
58 PRINT 6
59 PRINT 7, PAP(1),SAP(1),PAA(1),SAA(1),PAB(1),SAB(1),PAT(1),SAT(1)
60 KX=1
61 IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,1,J),J=1,3),(SPD(KX,1,1),SPD2(KX,
62 11,1),I=1,4)
63 IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,2,J),J=1,3),(SPD(KX,2,1),SPD2(KX,
64 12,1),I=1,4)
65 PRINT 8, PAP(2),SAP(2),PAA(2),SAA(2),PAB(2),SAB(2),PAT(2),SAT(2)
66 KX=KX+1
67 IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,1,J),J=1,3),(SPD(KX,1,1),SPD2(KX,
68 11,1),I=1,4)
69 IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,2,J),J=1,3),(SPD(KX,2,1),SPD2(KX,
70 12,1),I=1,4)
71 PRINT 9, PAP(3),SAP(3),PAA(3),SAA(3),PAB(3),SAB(3),PAT(3),SAT(3)
72 KX=KX+1
73 IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,1,J),J=1,3),(SPD(KX,1,1),SPD2(KX,
74 11,1),I=1,4)
75 IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,2,J),J=1,3),(SPD(KX,2,1),SPD2(KX,
76 12,1),I=1,4)
77 PRINT 10, PAP(4),SAP(4),PAA(4),SAA(4),PAB(4),SAB(4),PAT(4),SAT(4)
78 KX=KX+1
79 IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,1,J),J=1,3),(SPD(KX,1,1),SPD2(KX,
80 11,1),I=1,4)
81 IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,2,J),J=1,3),(SPD(KX,2,1),SPD2(KX,
82 12,1),I=1,4)
83 PRINT 11, PAP(5),SAP(5),PAA(5),SAA(5),PAB(5),SAB(5),PAT(5),SAT(5)
84 KX=KX+1
85 IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,1,J),J=1,3),(SPD(KX,1,1),SPD2(KX,
86 11,1),I=1,4)
87 IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,2,J),J=1,3),(SPD(KX,2,1),SPD2(KX,
88 12,1),I=1,4)
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800      KA=KX+1
810      IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,1,J),J=1,3),(SPO(KX,1,1),SPD2(KX,
820      1,1),I=1,4)
830      IF (IOP(KX).EQ.C) PRINT 4, (O(KX,2,J),J=1,3),(SPO(KX,2,1),SPD2(KX,
840      12,1),I=1,4)
850      PRINT 12, PAP(6),SAP(6),PAA(6),SAA(6),PAB(6),SAB(6),PAT(6),SAT(6)
860      KX=KX+1
870      IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,1,J),J=1,3),(SPO(KX,1,1),SPD2(KX,
880      11,1),I=1,4)
890      IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,2,J),J=1,3),(SPO(KX,2,1),SPD2(KX,
900      12,1),I=1,4)
910      KX=KX+1
920      IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,1,J),J=1,3),(SPO(KX,1,1),SPD2(KX,
930      11,1),I=1,4)
940      IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,2,J),J=1,3),(SPO(KX,2,1),SPD2(KX,
950      12,1),I=1,4)
960      KX=KX+1
970      IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,1,J),J=1,3),(SPO(KX,1,1),SPD2(KX,
980      11,1),I=1,4)
990      IF (IOP(KX).EQ.0) PRINT 4, (O(KX,2,J),J=1,3),(SPO(KX,2,1),SPD2(KX,
1000     12,1),I=1,4)
1010     PRINT 13, PAA(7),SAA(7),PAP(7),SAP(7),PAB(7),SAB(7),PAT(7),SAT(7)
1020     PRINT 14
1030     IF(JPQXR.GT.0) GO TO 2
1040     PRINT 14
1050     14 FORMAT (//)
1060     GO TO 3
1070     2 PRINT 16,(NAAHE(J),J=1,JPQXR)
1080     PRINT 15,(LIST(J),J=1,JPQXR)
1090     16 FORMAT (5X,'SPKR(S)=' ,1X,20A6)
1100     15 FORMAT (5X,'LIST(S)=' ,20A6)
1110     3
1120     NMO1=6HLISTEN
1130     NMO2=6HERS
1140     IF(JSPK.EQ.0) GO TO 31
1150     NMO1=6HSPLEAK
1160     NMO2=6HRS
1170     31 CONTINUE
1180     PRINT 32
1190     PRINT 17,NMO1,NMO2,NL,PTOT
1200     17 FORMAT(5X,'NUMBER OF ',2A6,13,37X,1HX,5X,'TOTAL DRT SCORE='F6.1,4X
1210     1,1HX)
1220     PRINT 18,NPZ,STOT
1230     18 FORMAT (5X,'NUMBER OF WORDS PER TEST',18,30X,1HX,5X,'STANDARD ERRO
1240     1R='F6.2,5X,1HX)
1250     PRINT 32
1260     32 FORMAT (67X,'XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX')
1270     RETURN
1280     C
1290     C
1300     4 FORMAT (5X,2A6,A5,4(F6.1,5X,F6.2,5X))
1310     5 FORMAT (11H,4X,'CONTRACTOR: ',3A6,5X,'TEST CONDITION: ',3A6,5X,
1320     1'DATE TESTED ',R2,'/',R2,'/',R2)
1330     6 FORMAT (21X,6HPRESNT,7X,4HS.E.,5X,6HABSENT,7X,4HS.E.,5X,4HBIAS,9X,
1340     14HS.E.,5X,5HTOTAL,6X,4HS.E.)
1350     7 FORMAT (14X,7HVOICING,9X,4(F6.1,5X,F6.2,5X))
1360     8 FORMAT (14X,8HNASALITY,8X,4(F6.1,5X,F6.2,5X))
1370     9 FORMAT (14X,10HSUSTENTION,6X,4(F6.1,5X,F6.2,5X))
1380     10 FORMAT (14X,10HSIBILATION,6X,4(F6.1,5X,F6.2,5X))
1390     11 FORMAT (14X,9HGRAVNESS,7X,4(F6.1,5X,F6.2,5X))
1400     12 FORMAT (14X,11HCOMPACTNESS,5X,4(F6.1,5X,F6.2,5X))
1410     13 FORMAT (14X,13HEXPERIMENTAL,3X,4(F6.1,5X,F6.2,5X))
1420     END

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10     FUNCTION SGNF(T,DF)
20     SGNF=6H
30     IF(DF) 1,2,3
40     1 DF=DF-1
50     IF(PRBF(DF,1000.,T/DF).LT. .05) SGNF=6HPC<.05
60     IF(PRBF(DF,1000.,T/DF).LT. .01) SGNF=6HPC<.01
70     IF(PRBF(DF,1000.,T/DF).LT. .001) SGNF=6HPC<.001
80     RETURN
90     2 SGNF=6HDF = 0
100    RETURN
110    3 IF(PRBF(1.0,DF,T**2).LT. .05) SGNF=6HPC<.05
120    IF(PRBF(1.0,DF,T**2).LT. .01) SGNF=6HPC<.01
130    IF(PRBF(1.0,DF,T**2).LT. .001) SGNF=6HPC<.001
140    RETURN

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10 FUNCTION PRBL(DA,DB,F)
20 P=PRBF(DA,DB,F)
30 IF (P=.10) 62,61,61
40 61 PRBL=6H
50 RETURN
60 62 IF (P=.05) 64,63,63
70 63 PRBL=6H<P<.10
80 RETURN
90 64 IF (P=.01) 66,65,65
100 65 PRBL=6H<P<.05
110 RETURN
120 66 IF (P=.001) 68,67,67
130 67 PRBL=6H<P<.01
140 RETURN
150 68 PRBL=6H<P<.001
160 RETURN
170 END

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10 FUNCTION ISUB (J)
20 C THIS ROUTINE KEEPS A LIST OF SUBJECT NUMBERS USED FOR A LIST
30 C AND ALLONS FOR DIFFERENT SEQUENCES OF SUBJECTS. IT RETURNS
40 C AN ARBITRARY NUMBER WHICH IS CONSISTANT FOR ANY ONE SUBJECT
50 C IT ALSO CHECKS FOR BAD KEYPUNCHING OR TOO MANY SUBJECTS
60 C INTEGER CODE
70 COMMON/ALL/CODE(150),SEL(20),NO,NL,NA,NV,JTTEST,NDL,NASCOR,JPUNCH
80 I,NR,JAVE,IBIG,JSPK,10P(10),ISAVE(20),NATE(20)
90 COMMON/MCE/KEY(200,4),J1A,KSAVE(150),NAME(100,2),IANXX(20,4),ISPK
100 IEY(10)
110 DIMENSION INAME(20),ISPAR(100)
120 IF (J.NE.2HAA) GO TO 4
130 DO 1 I=1,100
140 1 ISPAR(I)=0
150 2 DO 3 I=1,20
160 3 INAME(I)=0
170 RETURN
180 4 CONTINUE
190 IF (J.EQ.2HBA) GO TO 2
200 IF (J.NE.2HEX) GO TO 7
210 5 READ 11, KOP,KSUB,NAM1,NAM2,KPO
220 IF (KOP.NE.0) GO TO 6
230 NAME(KSUB,1)=NAM1
240 NAME(KSUB,2)=NAM2
250 IF (KPO.NE.0) RETURN
260 GO TO 5
270 6 ISPAR(KOP)=KSUB
280 IF (KPO.NE.0) RETURN
290 GO TO 5
300 7 IF (J.LT.-99) GO TO 13
310 IF (J.LT.0) GO TO 16
320 IF (ISPAR(J).NE.0) J=ISPAR(J)
330 NSUB=NL
340 I=0
350 8 I=I+1
360 IF (I.GT.NSUR) GO TO 10
370 IF (J.EQ.INAME(I)) GO TO 9
380 IF ([NAME(I).NE.0] GO TO 8
390 INAME(I)=J
400 9 ISUB=I
410 RETURN
420 10 PRINT 12, NSUB,J
430 ISUB=0
440 RETURN
450 13 IREMU=ABS(J)
460 DO 14 K=1,JSPK
470 14 IF (NATE(K).EQ.IREMU) GO TO 15
480 PRINT 20
490 20 FORMAT( ' INELIGIBLE SPEAKER DOWNFIELD')
500 15 ISUB=K
510 IREMU=K
520 RETURN
530 16 ISUB=IREMU
540 J=IREMU
550 RETURN
560 C
570 11 FORMAT (12,12,24,2A6,60X,12)
580 12 FORMAT (10X,7)H***** MORE THAN,1X,12,1X,1HPRESENT S=,110,1
590 10H*****
600 END

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10  SUBROUTINE RATING (INC)
20  INTEGER CODE
30  COMMON /ALL/CODE(150),SEL(20),NQ,NBL,NA,NV,JTTEST,NUL,NASCOR,
40  IJPUNC,NR,JAVE,IB16,JSPK,10P(10),ISAV(200)
50  COMMON /SCORE/ PAP(7),SAP(7),PAA(7),SAA(7),PAB(7),SAB(7),PAT(7),SA
60  IT(7),PV(8),SV(8),PTOT,STOT,RATE(10),SERATE(10),SPO(10, 2,4),SPQ2(
70  210,2,4)
80  COMMON /HF/ LABEL(13),ITST,NAAME(20),LIIST(20),JPQXR
90  DIMENSION PRATE(10),DRATE(10,20,80)
100 INTEGER ANAME,ALIST
110 NL=NBL
120 IF (INC) 3,5,1
130 1 CONTINUE
140 DO 2 I=1,80
150 DO 2 J=1,NL
160 DO 2 K=1,10
170 2 DRATE(K,J,1)=0.0
180 NQXL=0
190 JPQXR=0
200 DO 21 I=1,20
210 NAAME(I)=0
220 21 LIIST(I)=0
230 RETURN
240 3 ANL=NL
250 NQXL=NQXL+1
260 I=NQXL
270 ANQXL=ANQXL
280 IMA=1
290 IF (INC+LT.-1) IMA=-1
300 DO 4 JJ=1,NBL
310 READ 11,ANAME,ALIST,IL,(PRATE(K),K=1, 7),LABEL(11),(LABEL(K),K=2,4
320 1),(LABEL(K),K=7,9)
330 11 FORMAT (4X,A2,A4,12,7F3.0,A6,1X,3A6,1X,3A6)
340 J=ISUB(IL)
350 IF (JSPA.GT.0) J=ISUB(-ANAME)
360 DO 4 K=1,NR
370 4 DRATE(K,J,1)=DRATE(K,J,1)+PRATE(K)*IMA
380 DO 41 JJ=1,JPQXR
390 IF (NAAME(JJ).EQ.ANAME) GO TO 44
400 41 CONTINUE
410 JPQXR=JPQXR+1
420 NAAME(JPQXR)=ANAME
430 LIIST(JPQXR)=ALIST
440 44 RETURN
450 5 DO 8 K=1,NR
460 TEMP2=0.0
470 DO 7 J=1,NL
480 TEMP=0.0
490 DO 6 I=1,NQXL
500 6 TEMP=DRATE(K,J,1)+TEMP
510 DRATE(K,J,1)=TEMP/ANQXL
520 7 TEMP2=TEMP/ANQXL+TEMP2
530 RATE(K)=TEMP2/ANL
540 8 CONTINUE
550 DO 10 K=1,NR
560 TEMP=0.0
570 DO 9 J=1,NL
580 9 TEMP=((DRATE(K,J,1)-RATE(K))*2)+TEMP
590 10 SERATE(K)=SQRT(TEMP/(NL-1))/SQRT(NL)
600 IF (JAVE.GT.1) GO TO 12
610 LABEL(12)=ALIST
620 LABEL(13)=ANAME
630 12 CONTINUE
640 IF (JTTEST.NE.C) GO TO 13
650 RATE(1)=8.-RATE(1)
660 RATE(2)=8.-RATE(2)
670 RATE(4)=8.-RATE(4)
680 RATE(6)=8.-RATE(6)
690 13 CONTINUE
700 RETURN
710 END

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10 SUBROUTINE STDPG
20 INTEGER CODE
30 COMMON/ALL/CODE(150),SEL(20),NXQ,NL,NA,NV,JTTEST,NDL,NASCOR,JPOK(11
40 1,NR,JAVE,I=1G,JSPK,10P(11),ISAVE(200),RATE(20)
50 COMMON /SCORE/ PAP(7),SAP(7),PAA(7),SAA(7),PAB(7),PAT(7),SA
60 IT(7),PV(8),SV(6),PTOT,STOT,RATE(10),SERATE(10),SPU(10, 2,4),SPG2(
70 210,2,4)
80 COMMON /ERR/ NSUB(20),ILXAP(20,7),ILXAA(20,7),ILXAB(20,7),ILXAT(20
90 1,7),ILX4(20,150),ITEM(112),ISPLT(110,20,2,4),ILXV(20,8)
100 CALL RATING (0)
110 TPO=0
120 IF (JTTEST.NE.0) T=100.00
130 NQ=NXQ*JAVE
140 AA=NQ*NL
150 IF (JSPK.GT.0) GO TO 8
160 9 UNBS=NL*(NL-1)
170 DO 1 I=1,NA
180 SX=KSUM(ILXAP,NL,I,NDL)
190 SX2=KSUM(ILXAP,-NL,I,NDL)
200 SAP(I)=SQRT(625.0*(SX2-SX**2/NL)/UNBS)/NQ
210 PAP(I)=(AA*8.-(2*SX))/(AA*6.)*100.-T
220 SX=KSUM(ILXAA,NL,I,NDL)
230 SX2=KSUM(ILXAA,-NL,I,NDL)
240 SAA(I)=SQRT(625.0*(SX2-SX**2/NL)/UNBS)/NQ
250 PAA(I)=(AA*8.-(2*SX))/(AA*6.)*100.-T
260 SX=KSUM(ILXAB,NL,I,NDL)
270 SX2=KSUM(ILXAB,-NL,I,NDL)
280 SAB(I)=SQRT(625.0*(SX2-SX**2/NL)/UNBS)/NQ
290 PAB(I)=PAP(I)-PAA(I)
300 SX=KSUM(ILXAT,NL,I,NDL)
310 SX2=KSUM(ILXAT,-NL,I,NDL)
320 SAT(I)=SQRT(156.25*(SX2-SX**2/NL)/UNBS)/NQ
330 1 PAT(I)=(PAP(I)+PAA(I))/2.
340 GSX=0.
350 GSX2=0.
360 NHQ=NXQ
370 IF (JSPK.EQ.0) NHQ=NQ
380 DO 2 I=1,NL
390 SX=0.0
400 SX2=0.0
410 SZX=0.0
420 SZX2=0.0
430 XB=96.0
440 IF (JSPK.NE.0) XB=JSPK*96.0
450 DO 10 KQ=1,NHQ
460 SX=SX+ILXQ(I,KQ)
470 SX2=SX2+ILXQ(I,KQ)**2
480 SZX=SZX+((XB-2.0*ILXQ(I,KQ))/XB)*100.0
490 10 SZX2=SZX2+(((XB-2.0*ILXQ(I,KQ))/XB)*100.0)**2
500 BSX=((NHQ*96.0-(2*SX))/(NHQ*96.))*100.-T
510 GSX2=GSX2+BSX**2
520 GSX=GSX+BSX
530 2 SEL(I)=SQRT(ABS((SZX2-SZX**2/NHQ)/(NHQ*(NHQ-1))))
540 STOT=SQRT(ABS((GSX2-GSX**2/NL)/(NL*(NL-1))))
550 PTOT=GSX/NL
560 DO 5 K=1,9
570 DO 5 J=1,2
580 DO 4 I=1,4
590 SPO(K,J,1)=0.0
600 SPO2(K,J,1)=0.0
610 DO 3 L=1,NL
620 SPO(K,J,1)=SPO(K,J,1)+ISPLT(K,L,J,1)
630 3 SPO2(K,J,1)=SPO2(K,J,1)+ISPLT(K,L,J,1)**2
640 SPO2(K,J,1)=2.0*SQRT(625.0*(SPO2(K,J,1)-SPO(K,J,1)**2/NL)/UNBS)/NQ
650 IF (I.EQ.4) SPO2(K,J,1)=SPO2(K,J,1)/2.
660 4 SPO(K,J,1)=(AA*4.-2.0*SPO(K,J,1))/(AA*4.)*100.-T
670 SPO(K,J,3)=SPO(K,J,1)-SPO(K,J,2)
680 SPO(K,J,4)=(SPO(K,J,1)+SPO(K,J,2))/2.0
690 5 CONTINUE
700 DO 7 I=1,8
710 SX=0.0
720 SA2=0.0
730 DO 6 J=1,NL
740 SX=SX+ILXV(J,I)
750 6 SA2=SA2+ILXV(J,I)**2
760 SV(I)=SQRT(278.5554*(SA2-SX**2/NL)/UNBS)/NQ
770 7 PV(I)=(AA*12.0-(2*SX))/(AA*12.0)*100.0-T
780 RETURN
790 4 I1=NL
800 NQ=NXQ*NL*(JAVE/JSPK)
810 NL=JSPK
820 JSPK=ITE
830 GO TO 9
840 END

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10 SUBROUTINE TTST
20 INTEGER CODE
30 COMMON/ALL/COEF(150),SFL(20),NQ,NL,NA,NV,UTTEST,NOL,NASCCR,JPONC,
40 I,HK,JAVE,IBIG,JSPK,IOP(10),ISAVE(200),NATE(20)
50 COMMON /SCORE/ PAP(7),SAP(7),PAA(7),SAA(7),PAB(7),SAB(7),PAT(7),SA
60 IT(7),PV(8),SV(8),PTOT,STOT,RATE(10),SERATE(10),SPO1(10, 2,4),SPO2(
70 210,2,4)
80 DIMENSION SIG(5,8)
90 DF=NL-1.0
100 NDF=NL-1
110 DO 1 I=1,NA
120 PAP(I)=ABS(PAP(I)/SAP(I))
130 PAA(I)=ABS(PAA(I)/SAA(I))
140 PAB(I)=ABS(PAB(I)/SAB(I))
150 1 PAT(I)=ABS(PAT(I)/SAT(I))
160 DO 2 I=1,NV
170 2 PV(I)=ABS(PV(I)/SV(I))
180 PTOT=ABS(PTOT/STOT)
190 DO 3 I=1,NA
200 SIG(1,I)=SGNF(PAP(I),DF)
210 SIG(2,I)=SGNF(PAA(I),DF)
220 SIG(3,I)=SGNF(PAB(I),DF)
230 3 SIG(4,I)=SGNF(PAT(I),DF)
240 SIGTOT=SGNF(PTOT,DF)
250 PRINT 15, (CODE(I),I=1,NQ,4)
260 PRINT 16
270 PRINT 17, PAP(1),SIG(1,1),PAA(1),SIG(2,1),PAB(1),SIG(3,1),PAT(1),S
280 IIG(4,1)
290 PRINT 18, PAP(2),SIG(1,2),PAA(2),SIG(2,2),PAB(2),SIG(3,2),PAT(2),S
300 IIG(4,2)
310 PRINT 19, PAP(3),SIG(1,3),PAA(3),SIG(2,3),PAB(3),SIG(3,3),PAT(3),S
320 IIG(4,3)
330 PRINT 20, PAP(4),SIG(1,4),PAA(4),SIG(2,4),PAB(4),SIG(3,4),PAT(4),S
340 IIG(4,4)
350 PRINT 21, PAP(5),SIG(1,5),PAA(5),SIG(2,5),PAB(5),SIG(3,5),PAT(5),S
360 IIG(4,5)
370 PRINT 22, PAP(6),SIG(1,6),PAA(6),SIG(2,6),PAB(6),SIG(3,6),PAT(6),S
380 IIG(4,6)
390 PRINT 23, PAP(7),SIG(1,7),PAA(7),SIG(2,7),PAB(7),SIG(3,7),PAT(7),S
400 IIG(4,7)
410 IF (NR.EQ.0) GO TO 7
420 DO 4 K=1,NR
430 RATE(K)=ABS(RATE(K)/SERATE(K))
440 SERATE(K)=SGNF(RATE(K),DF)
450 4 CONTINUE
460 PRINT 9
470 PRINT 10, RATE(1),SERATE(1)
480 PRINT 11, RATE(2),SERATE(2)
490 PRINT 12, RATE(3),SERATE(3),PTOT,SIGTOT
500 PRINT 13, RATE(4),SERATE(4)
510 PRINT 14, RATE(5),SERATE(5)
520 IF (NR-5) 6,6,5
530 5 PRINT 8, RATE(6),SERATE(6)
540 6 RETURN
550 7 PRINT 24, PTOT,SIGTOT
560 RETURN
570 C
580 C
590 8 FORMAT (5X,15HSMOOTHNESS ,F6.2,2X,A6)
600 9 FORMAT (5X,30HQUALITY RATINGS T )
610 10 FORMAT (5X,15HLOUDNESS ,F6.2,2X,A6,16X,45HXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
620 IXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
630 11 FORMAT (5X,15HBASSNESS ,F6.2,2X,A6,16X,1HX,43X,1HX)
640 12 FORMAT (5X,15HPLEASANTNESS ,F6.2,2X,A6,16X,1HX,4X,15HTOTAL DRT S
650 I CORE,4X,F6.2,4X,A6,4X,1HX)
660 13 FORMAT (5X,15HCLEANITY ,F6.2,2X,A6,16X,1HX,43X,1HX)
670 14 FORMAT (5X,15HNATURALNESS ,F6.2,2X,A6,16X,45HXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
680 IXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
690 15 FORMAT (11H,7X,84HT TEST--A TEST FOR SIGNIFICANCE OF DIFFERENCES B
700 IETWEEN DIAGNOSTIC RHYME TEST SCORES,7X,24HEXPERIMENTAL CONDITION
710 25:,10(2X,A4)//)
720 16 FORMAT (11H,4X,9HATTRIBUTE,7X,7HPRESENT,12X,6HABSENT,14X,4HBIAS,15
730 I X,4HMEAN)
740 17 FORMAT (11H,4X,12HVOICING ,4X,4(F6.2,2X,A6,5X))
750 18 FORMAT (11H,4X,12HNASALITY ,4X,4(F6.2,2X,A6,5X))
760 19 FORMAT (11H,4X,12HSUSTENTION ,4X,4(F6.2,2X,A6,5X))
770 20 FORMAT (11H,4X,12HSIBILATION ,4X,4(F6.2,2X,A6,5X))
780 21 FORMAT (11H,4X,12HGRAVENESS ,4X,4(F6.2,2X,A6,5X))
790 22 FORMAT (11H,4X,12HCOMPACTNESS ,4X,4(F6.2,2X,A6,5X))
800 23 FORMAT (11H,4X,12HEXPERIMENTAL,4X,4(F6.2,2X,A6,5X))
810 24 FORMAT (11H,5X,15HTOTAL DRT SCORE,4X,F6.2,4X,A6)
820 END

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10 SUBROUTINE PUNCH
20 INTEGER CODE
30 COMMON /ALL/ CODE(150),SEL(20),NQ,NL,NA,NV,JTTEST,NLL,NASCOR,JPUNCH
40 I,NR,JAVE,IHIG,JSPK,IUP(10),ISAV(200),NATE(20)
50 COMMON /MF/ LABEL(13),ITST
60 COMMON /SCORE/ PAP(7),SAP(7),PAA(7),SAA(7),PAB(7),SAB(7),PAT(7),SA
70 IT(7),P,(8),SV(6),PTOT,STOT,RATE(10),SEKATE(10),SPO(10,2,4),SPO2(
80 210,2,4)
90 PUNCH 5, CODE(4),NQ,NL,NA,NV,NR,LABEL(12),LABEL(13)
100 PUNCH 2, (PAB(J),J=1,7),(PAT(I),I=1,7)
110 PUNCH 3, (SAB(J),J=1,7),(SAT(I),I=1,7)
120 PUNCH 3, (SAP(J),J=1,7),(SAA(I),I=1,7)
130 PUNCH 3, (RATE(I),I=1,NR),(SEKATE(J),J=1,NR),PTOT,STOT
140 DO 1 I=1,9,2
150 1 PUNCH 4, ((SPO(I,J,K),SPO2(I,J,K),J=1,2),K=3,4),((SPO(I+1,J,K),SPO
160 12(I+1,J,K),J=1,2),K=3,4)
170 RETURN
180 C
190 C
200 2 FORMAT (7F6.1,7F5.1)
210 3 FORMAT (14F5.2)
220 4 FORMAT (6(F5.1,F5.2))
230 5 FORMAT (A4,5I2,2A6)
240 END

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10 FUNCTION SUMX2(4,N)
20 COMMON /ADD/ SUM(20,2,2,2,2,2),K(10)
30 DIMENSION SM(20,2,2,2,2,2),N(10)
40 K1=K(1)
50 K2=K(2)
60 K3=K(3)
70 K4=K(4)
80 K5=K(5)
90 K6=K(6)
100 DO 99 I1=1,K1
110 DO 99 I2=1,K2
120 DO 99 I3=1,K3
130 DO 99 I4=1,K4
140 DO 99 I5=1,K5
150 DO 99 I6=1,K6
160 99 SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)=SUM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)
170 IF(M.EQ.0) GO TO 101
180 DO 100 I=1,M
190 NN=N(I)
200 N(I)=0
210 GO TO (1,2,3,4,5,6),NN
220 1 DO 11 I2=1,K2
230 DO 11 I3=1,K3
240 DO 11 I4=1,K4
250 DO 11 I5=1,K5
260 DO 11 I6=1,K6
270 SX=0.
280 DO 10 I1=1,K1
290 SX=SX+SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)
300 10 SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)=0.
310 11 SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)=SX
320 GO TO 100
330 2 DO 21 I1=1,K1
340 DO 21 I3=1,K3
350 DO 21 I4=1,K4
360 DO 21 I5=1,K5
370 DO 21 I6=1,K6
380 SX=0.
390 DO 20 I2=1,K2
400 SX=SX+SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)
410 20 SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)=0.
420 21 SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)=SX
430 GO TO 100
440 3 DO 31 I1=1,K1
450 DO 31 I2=1,K2
460 DO 31 I4=1,K4
470 DO 31 I5=1,K5
480 DO 31 I6=1,K6
490 SX=0.
500 DO 30 I3=1,K3
510 SX=SX+SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)
520 30 SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)=0.
530 31 SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)=SX
540 GO TO 100

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550 4 DO 41 I1=1,K1
560 DO 41 I2=1,K2
570 DO 41 I3=1,K3
580 DO 41 I4=1,K4
590 DO 41 I5=1,K5
600 DO 41 I6=1,K6
610 SX=0.
620 DO 40 I4=1,K4
630 SX=SX+SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)
640 40 SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)=0.
650 41 SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)=SX
660 GO TO 100
670 5 DO 51 I1=1,K1
680 DO 51 I2=1,K2
690 DO 51 I3=1,K3
700 DO 51 I4=1,K4
710 DO 51 I5=1,K5
720 DO 50 I6=1,K6
730 SX=SX+SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)
740 50 SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)=0.
750 51 SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)=SX
760 GO TO 100
770 6 DO 61 I1=1,K1
780 DO 61 I2=1,K2
790 DO 61 I3=1,K3
800 DO 61 I4=1,K4
810 DO 61 I5=1,K5
820 SX=0.
830 DO 60 I6=1,K6
840 SX=SX+SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)
850 60 SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)=0.
860 61 SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)=SX
870 100 CONTINUE
880 101 SUMX2=0.
890 DO 111 I1=1,K1
900 DO 111 I2=1,K2
910 DO 111 I3=1,K3
920 DO 111 I4=1,K4
930 DO 111 I5=1,K5
940 DO 111 I6=1,K6
950 111 SUMX2=SUMX2+SM(I1,I2,I3,I4,I5,I6)**2
960 RETURN
970 END

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APPENDIX II  
SPECIMEN DRT IV ANSWER BOOKLET

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**APPENDIX III**  
**SPECIMEN OUTPUT OF DRT IV**  
**COMPUTER SCORING PROGRAM**





# MOST DIFFICULT ITEMS

FOR THE PURPOSES OF FURTHER RESEARCH DESIGNED TO IMPROVE  
YOUR SYSTEM OR DEVICE, YOU WILL FIND IT ADVANTAGEOUS TO GIVE  
SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DISTINGUISHABILITY OF THE FOLLOWING WORD PAIRS.●  
WORD PAIRS ADJ. PERCENT CORRECT

103:FIN/THIN ●●	31.3
68:FAD/THAD ●●	50.0
45:VOX/BOX ●●	62.0
57:VAULT/FAULT ●●	65.6
101:VON/BON ●●	66.1
59:VEE/BEE ●●	66.1
31:VILL/BILL ●●	70.3
33:FOUGT/THOUGHT ●●	75.5
22:VOLE/FOAL	83.9
10:SHOES/CHOOSE	83.9

●● THE CONTRASTS: FAD-THAD, FIN-THIN,FOUGHT-THOUGHT,  
VON-BON, VOX-BOX, VEE-BEE, VILL-BILL, VAULT-FAULT  
ARE GENERALLY AMONG THE MOST DIFFICULT TO DISTINGUISH.  
THEIR PRESENCE ON THE FOREGOING LIST DOES NOT, THEREFORE, REFLECT UNIQUELY  
UPON THE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR SYSTEM OR DEVICE.



# DETAILED DIAGNOSTIC ANALYSIS

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CODE MS 49

	PRESNT	S.E.	AUSENT	S.E.	BIAS	S.E.	TOTAL	S.E.
VOICING	96.1	1.09	92.4	2.04	3.7	2.06	94.2	1.27
FRICTIONAL	93.1	1.93	85.4	4.20	7.7	4.47	89.3	2.38
NONFRICTIONAL	99.1	.51	99.3	.31	-.3	.66	99.2	.27
NASALITY	98.3	.59	99.0	.31	-.7	.49	98.6	.41
GRAVE	98.4	.64	98.4	.53	.0	.19	98.4	.53
ACUTE	98.2	.72	99.5	.16	-1.3	.66	98.0	.40
SUSTENTATION	82.7	5.18	89.3	1.80	-6.5	4.75	86.0	3.07
VOICED	74.1	10.87	85.2	4.70	-11.1	11.96	79.6	5.86
UNVOICED	91.4	3.02	93.4	2.40	-2.0	4.63	92.4	1.51
SIBILANTION	97.1	.73	98.6	.20	-1.5	.84	97.9	.33
VOICED	96.0	1.33	90.7	.26	-2.7	1.52	97.3	.58
UNVOICED	98.2	.39	99.0	.39	-.8	.61	98.6	.24
GRAVENESS	81.8	2.94	89.1	2.59	-7.3	4.26	85.5	1.76
VOICED	95.3	1.41	96.6	1.35	-1.3	1.72	96.0	1.04
UNVOICED	68.4	4.86	61.6	5.29	-13.3	7.54	75.0	3.40
PLUSIVE	93.1	2.29	91.7	4.44	1.4	5.09	92.4	2.45
NONPLUSIVE	70.6	4.27	66.6	5.16	-10.0	7.69	70.6	2.76
COMPACTNESS	98.0	.72	97.5	.99	.5	1.40	97.8	.52
VOICED	98.8	.27	99.2	.27	-.4	.27	99.0	.24
UNVOICED	97.1	1.51	95.6	1.69	1.3	2.77	96.5	1.03
SUSTAINED	98.8	.48	98.1	.37	-.3	.48	99.0	.36
INTERRUPTED	97.1	1.35	96.0	1.64	1.2	2.63	96.5	.73
B/M	97.9	.33	97.3	1.67	.7	1.06	97.6	.88
B/F	98.0	1.21	97.8	.77	.3	1.78	97.9	.40
EXPERIMENTAL	98.4	.87	99.0	.33	.7	1.08	98.7	.37

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 X  
 LIST NO. MULTIPLE X  
 SPEECH NAME MULTIPLE X  
 6 SPEAKERS X  
 4-98 90POS X  
 SN9902515N501250 X  
 X  
 TOTAL DRT SCORE 93.3  
 STANDARD ERROR .40  
 128  
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# ERROR ANALYSIS

SCORES FOR 4 SPEAKERS ON 24 HALF TESTS									
	33	NS06=	35	NS01=	37	NS02=	39	NS03=	41
SN49=	33	NS06=	35	NS01=	37	NS02=	39	NS03=	41
NS249=	45	NS06=	60	NS01=	70	NS02=	70	NS03=	70
NS54=	71	NS01=	49	NS02=	40	NS03=	49	NS04=	49
1 R DAVIS	94.9	2.7	3.1	60	89	0	0	-7.2	7.2
2 J EDDINS	93.0	2.1	1.4	100	116	0	0	-3.5	3.5
3 C HENNINGSON	94.0	.9	.3	89	96	0	0	.3	.3
4 B VOIERS	92.0	2.7	2.1	133	112	0	0	15.6	-15.6
5 S NEELY	93.0	.1	.0	100	107	0	0	5.0	-5.0
6 B LOVE	93.2	3.8	4.7	90	119	0	0	-10.2	10.2

## ERRORS FOR LISTENERS BY ATTRIBUTES

ATTRIBUTE PRESENT									
	VOIC	NASL	SUST	SIUL	GRAV	EXPL	TOTAL	VOIC	NASL
1)	12	3	7	6	26	14	68	13	5
2)	17	8	60	13	28	1	127	21	5
3)	2	2	16	7	62	5	94	10	1
4)	1	1	95	3	36	4	140	24	1
5)	13	2	55	13	62	3	148	7	1
6)	15	10	32	3	65	4	129	42	3
TOTAL	60	26	265	45	279	31	706	117	16
ATTRIBUTE ABSENT									
	VOIC	NASL	SUST	SIUL	GRAV	EXPL	TOTAL	VOIC	NASL
1)	-1	-2	-19	4	-17	14	-21	25	8
2)	-4	3	12	9	19	-13	38	30	13
3)	-8	1	-6	4	24	1	3	12	3
4)	-23	0	63	-1	-4	-7	35	25	2
5)	6	1	30	12	31	3	81	20	3
6)	-27	7	12	-1	59	4	49	57	13
TOTAL	-57	10	100	27	112	-7	185	177	42

## ERRORS FOR EACH ITEM

ITEMS 1-28									
	0	5	3	31	5	24	3	4	4
27	31	1	14	0	57	9	73	18	65
10	2	0	2	8	5	5	3	3	1
22	6	6	13	47	10	20	26	4	6
0	7	3	1	20	15	3	3	4	3
1	7	4	1	3	2	2	1	0	2

ITEMS 29-56									
	0	5	24	3	4	60	0	2	0
27	31	1	14	0	57	9	73	18	65
10	2	0	2	8	5	5	3	3	1
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1	7	4	1	3	2	2	1	0	2

ITEMS 57-84									
	0	5	24	3	4	60	0	2	0
27	31	1	14	0	57	9	73	18	65
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22	6	6	13	47	10	20	26	4	6
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ITEMS 85-112									
	0	5	24	3	4	60	0	2	0
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1	7	4	1	3	2	2	1	0	2